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Crawford Will

Have you used FamilySearch's experimental labs? While I haven't made any discoveries to break thru some of my brick walls, I am finding the search and transcription capabilities a great tool. After working thru several Lincoln county deeds, I'm migrating to Virginia prior to 1800.

Today's find is a Botetourt county, Virginia will for John Crawford. This 1796 record identifies the following family members:

- Wife: Margaret
- Son: James
- Son: John
- Son: Andrew
- Son: William
- Son: Samuel
- Daughter: Margaret
- Brother: William

The will contains a major clue to the age of the children: William is not yet 21. So far, I haven't found a family that matches where William was born after 1775. However, the family of John Crawford [G8ZB-R4G] seems to be a close match:

- Wife: Margert (?-1796) [G8ZB-PQ2]
- Son: James (1766-deceased) [G8Z1-SZD]
- Son: William (1771-1855) [LVSF-BCK]
- Son: Samuel (1772-1854) [LRJJ-4MX]
- Daughter: Ufus (1772-1829) [MBG1-CFB]
- Son: Andrew (deceased) [G8ZB-YMK]
- Son: John (deceased) [G8ZB-YFL]
- Daughter: Margaret (deceased) [G8ZB-Y3C]
- Brother: William (1745-1835) [GH1S-P1Z]

In addition, researchers have attached a transcription of the will as a note on the profile of John Crawford [G8ZB-R4G]. Thus, I attached the will to John Crawford and uploaded images of the will as a 'memory'.

Botetourt County Virginia

Will Book A, 1770-1880

007644336, Item 1

Image 229 and 230

Image 229 – page 438

In the name of God Amen I John Crawford of Botetourt County in Virginia being of sound mind and memory . tho weak in Body and knowing the great uncertainty of this life – -do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit . In the first place I recommend my soul to its great auther earnestly imploring his mercy through the merits of his dear Son Jesus Christ – my Body I desire to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Exr hereafter named

And as to my worldly Estate I do dispose of it in manner following my will to that my loving wife Margaret Crawford have her living on my plantation untill it is sold and if my said Wife Should Survive the Sale of Said Land that She Shall then live with one of my three sons John Crawford William Crawford or Andrew Crawford which she shall Choose and the other Two to be at an equal share of Expence in mantain ing her during her Natural Life . And whereas my Father John Crawford Decd did will that the Land I and my Brother William Crawford now lives on should be equally divided between me and my said Brother William . My will is and I do hereby authorise and direct my son James Crawford to divide the Land equally to my Said Fathers Will And to make a Deed to my Said Brother William for his half of said Land

Image 230 – page 439

I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Crawford Crawford my young black mare
 I Give to my Son John Crawford Crawford my Bald Horse
 I give to my son Andrew Crawford Crawford my Horse calld Martin
 I give to my Loving wife Margaret and my Son William the Sorrel
 mare between them I give my Daughter Margaret Crawford my young
 roan Mare and the Cows that are calld h[ers] and her Bed and
 furniture , My will further is that my old mare be sold to pay
 funeral Charges my will further is that the cows calld Johns
 Should be Equally divided between my three sons John Andrew
 & William , I also will that the Waggon Be kept for the use
 of the plantation my will further is that my Daughter
 Margaret Shall be maintained by her Brothers John
 Andrew & William till she Marries I also give to my said
 Daughter Margaret A Saddle I give Also to my wife my
 Bell cow there are three young Steers I desire should be killed
 for the use of the family my sheep my wife may divide
 as she pleases among my Children and the hogs for the use
 of the family I also give my Negro Woman Kate to my
 Wife and my Rifle give to my Son James Crawford I give
 to my Son John my Family Bible my will further is
 that my three youngest Sons John Andrew & William
 Crawford live on my said Plantation untill William comes
 to the age of Twenty One Years and then all my lands to be
 Equally divided between my said sons John Crawford
 Andrew Crawford & William Crawford to them their
 Heirs and assigns for Ever I also will that my said sons
 John Andrew & William Crawford pay to their Brother
 James fifteen pounds Currant Money as soon as
 they can procure it on the Land I also give to my three
 Sons John Andrew & William all my farming utensils
 & the balance of the Bond due from John Moore to
 purchase them Saddles and I do hereby appoint my
 sons James Crawford and John Crawford Exectors of this my
 last will and Testament hereby revoking all other
 Wills In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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and Seal this Twenty Fourth day of September 1796

John his mark Crawford (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered |

in presence of

Edward Mitchell

Jno Eager

Robert Delbridge

John Crawford Junr

At December Botetourt Court . . 1796

This Instrument of writing purporting to be the

last will and Testament of John Crawford decd was exhibited

in Court and proved by the Oaths of John Eager and John

Crawford In Witness thereto Subscribed and thereupon ordered
to be recorded .

A copy [Test] Bowyn [ECI]

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in Body and knowing the great uncertainty of this life
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manner following to wit: In the first place I commend my
soul to its great Author earnestly imploring his mercy through
the merits of his dear Son Jesus Christ - my Body I desire to be disposed
of by Buriall at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} hereafter named
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my Will is that my wife Margaret Crawford have her living on my
plantation until it is sold and my said Wife should survive the
Sale of said lands that she shall then live with one of my three Sons
John Crawford, William Crawford or Andrew Crawford, Which she shall
Choose and the other Two to be at an equal Share of expence in maintain-
ing her during her Natural Life. And whereas my Father John Crawford
Decd did wish that the Land and my Brother William Crawford now
lives on should be equally divided between me and my said Brother
William. My Will is and I do hereby authorise and enjoin my Son
James Crawford to divide the Land equally to my said Father's Heir
And to make a Deed to my said Brother William for his half of said Land

War Memorial Update

Do you ever happen upon some information that clears up a previous mystery? That was my experience as I was using local newspapers to research Raymond Woltkamp who died during World War II.

One of the articles that I found in the [Sabetha Herald](https://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/) See <https://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/>. was an article about an Eagle Scout project. That project created the war memorial identifying war dead. That memorial is on the east side of the courthouse sign and was the source for the name, Richard Bieri. My attempt to locate information about Richard Bieri is summarized in my [Negative Evidence](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/14/negative-evidence-2/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/14/negative-evidence-2/>. post.

The article I located confirms that the name on the memorial should have been Harry Bieri instead of Richrd Bieri.

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World War II. Leroy Armstrong, Ralph Allen, Lewis Barrett, Bernard Becker, George Bieri, Harry Bieri, Richard Bindel, Paul Boeding, Virgil Brown, John Dailey, Robert Domer, Joseph Enneking, Roy Fund, Robert Griffith, William Guilford, Henry Hunninghake, Joseph Johnson, Galen Kellenberger, Francis Kokenge, George Kohake, Francis Long, Earl Meyer, George Moore, Cyril Nolte, Adriana Rettele, Raymond Rokey, Frank Schafer, Bernard Schultejans, Robert Shaw, Haley Sokinner, Jonas Smith, G.W Springer III, Elgin Strahm, Moses Tate, George Week, Raymond Woltkamp, George Young.

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If anyone should have any additions, deletions or corrections, please call Travis Niehues at 913-336-3495 or write to him, 412 North 10th, Seneca, Ks. 66538. [from Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 19 July 1989, page 4].

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Affiliate Libraries

Do you have a FamilySearch Center near you? If not, is your local library a FamilySearch Affiliate Library?

FamilySearch Centers and Affiliate Libraries provide access to those locked images. [Some of those locked records have to be viewed at a FamilySearch Center, but Affiliate Libraries provide access to many locked images.] Those locked images are why searches on the Experimental Labs site may not include all locations. For example, I noticed that states like Indiana were missing from the list of results.

Having experienced 'locked records' in the past, I was curious about whether that was causing the records to be missing from the Labs results. Thus, I traveled one whole mile to my local library, [Seneca Free Library](https://www.senecafreelibrary.org/). See <https://www.senecafreelibrary.org/>, to see what would happen when I searched the Labs for Crawford. And the results included Indiana records.

While using a library computer, I was able to obtain 13 images of Warren County Indiana deeds for Nelson G. Crawford along with the associated transcriptions.

I am so grateful that our local librarian agreed to apply to become an affiliate library. I'm sure it took a little bit of time to apply, obtain approval and configure the computers to provide links to the FamilySearch site. However, this service is greatly appreciated since I don't have to travel to access many of these resources. The site, [FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/affiliates/about). See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/affiliates/about>, provides more information about their services and links at the bottom of the page for libraries interested in becoming an Affiliate Library.

Below is a map of Kansas Family History Centers (green markers) and Affiliate Libraries (orange markers).

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. On the left, two affiliate libraries are listed:

- Topeka Genealogical Society**: 168.46 mi away. Address: 2717 SE Indiana Ave, Topeka, KS 66605. Phone: (785) 233-5762.
- Seneca Free Library**: 168.53 mi away. Address: 606 Main St, Seneca, KS 66538. Phone: (785) 336-2377.

Both listings include a 'GET DIRECTIONS' link and a 'MORE INFORMATION' button. The main part of the image is a map of Kansas with numerous green markers (Family History Centers) and orange markers (Affiliate Libraries) distributed across the state. The map includes city names and highway numbers.

Search the [locator map](https://locations.familysearch.org/en/search). See <https://locations.familysearch.org/en/search>, to see where your nearest Family History Center or Affiliate library is.

Patriots



In honor of the 4th of July, I am reposting this.

Does your tree go back to colonial times? If so, have you tried to find revolutionary war ancestors? When I first started researching my tree, I looked for a Crawford that served. Unfortunately, I still haven't been able to get my tree back far enough on my Crawford line to have a potential patriot.

Since I had a copy of my great grandmother's application to the Daughters of the American Revolution, I gave up looking for a Crawford patriot and applied using her application — and I was denied. Her application used Jason Hammond (1762-1842) as her patriot ancestor.

I, Josie Winifred Hammond Crawford.....being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Jason Hammond.....
 who was born in Bolton, Conn.....on the 1st day of Feb....., 1792
 and died in Bath, Ohio.....on the 21st day of Sept....., 1830
 His place of residence during the Revolution was Conn.
 I was born in near Galva.....County of Knox
 State of Illinois.....on 2-9-1874

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of
 Richmond Risk Hammond.....born on 11-20-1840 at.....Ohio
 died at Sawtelle, Calif.....on 4-8-1928 married (4) on 1-1-1867 to
 Sarah Ellen Halston.....born on 8-11-1849 at Knox, Co. Ills
 died at Dodge City, Kansas.....on 10-19-1892

2. The said Richmond Risk Hammond.....was the child of
 Horatio Hammond.....born on 10-24-1798 at.....Ohio
 died at Knox Co. Ills.....on 10-7-1879 married (1) on 4-14-1825 to
 Louisa Risk.....born on 8-16-1806 at Watertown, N.Y.
 died at Knox Co. Ills.....on 8-17-1874

3. The said Horatio Hammond.....was the child of
 Jason Hammond.....born on 2-1-1762 at Bolton, Conn.
 died at Bath, Ohio.....on 9-21-1830 married (4) on 4-24-1788 to
 Rachel Hale.....born on 12-11-1758 at Glastonbury, Conn.
 died at Bath, Ohio.....on 11-11-1842

4. The said Jason Hammond.....was the child of
 Nathaniel Hammond bap.....born on 9-16-1763 at.....
 died at Conn?.....on 12-10-1817 married (4) on.....1760 to
 Dorothy Tucker.....born on.....1740 at.....
 died at.....on 12-25-1775

or encroach on this margin, which is needed for binding.

However, the line thru this Jason Hammond is closed. My application was modified to go thru Jason's father, [Nathaniel Hammond](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A050625) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A050625. (#A050625) who provided patriotic service for Connecticut.

After my application was approved, I quit looking at most of my other branches. Wanting to have a patriot ancestor on my mom's side of the tree, I did investigate the Buckles line.

Recently, I was curious about how many patriot lines I might have in my tree. Thus, I started researching the men in the 8th generation of my tree to see if someone with similar information was listed in the DAR ancestor file. And I found quite a few ancestors on the DAR site.

Paternal Side

- [Elizur Talcott](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A113367) See https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A113367. (1709-1797) #A113367 provided patriotic service and served as a Colonel for Connecticut in the 6th Regiment militia under Brigadier General Wolcott
- [John Foster](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A041635) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A041635. (1735-1800) #A041635 served as a private for Maryland under Capt. Peter Mantz
- [Daniel Harris](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A051563) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A051563. (abt 1737-1821) #A051563 served as a private for Virginia under Capt. James Kearny, Cols Thomas Hartly, Hubley
- [Samuel Demarest](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A131555) See https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A131555. (1707-1785) #A131555 possibly served for York County, Pennsylvania.
- [Simon Van Arsdale](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A117118) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A117118. (1746-1802) #A117118 served as a Major for Pennsylvania under Col. Andrew in the York County militia and also as a Captain under Col. McPherson and an ensign under Capt. Hugh Campbell
- [Henry Banta](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A005785) See https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A005785. (1718-1805) #A005785 provided patriotic service for Pennsylvania
- [Harmanus Ostrander](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A210554) See https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A210554. (1729-1803) #A210554 served as a private for new York in the Ulster county militia
- [Ebenezer Merry](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A078189) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A078189. (1748-1809) #A078189 served as a private for Connecticut under Lt. Seymour and Maj Newberry
- [Stephen Peabody](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A086830) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A086830. (1753-1838) #A086830 served as a sergeant for Massachusetts under Capt. Jabes West and Col. Jonathan Eddy

Maternal Side

- [Benjamin Rush](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A100014) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A100014. (1752-1819) #A100014 provided patriotic service in North Carolina by furnishing supplies in 1780
- [James Buckles](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A016515) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A016515. (1733-1797) #A016515 served as a Captain for Virginia in the Berkeley County militia
- [Thomas Dawson](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A030832) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A030832. (1760-1832) #A030832 provided patriotic service for Virginia by furnishing supplies
- [Oliver Miles](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A078880) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A078880. (1738-1820) #A078880 served as a private for Massachusetts under Lt. Ephraim Wheeler and Col Eleazor Brooks
- [John Josselyn Junior](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A063118) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A063118. (1735-1810) #A063118 served as a Captain for Massachusetts under Col. John Whetcomb at Lexington and in the 8th Worcester County Militia under Col Job Cushing. He was also a town treasurer.
- [Nathaniel Wells Senior](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A122573) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A122573. (1730-1804) #A122573 served as a private for Connecticut under Capt. James Chapman and Col. Samuel Holden Parsons
- [Oliver White](https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A125317) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A125317. (1724-1789) served as a private for Massachusetts under Capt Eliakim Smith at Lexington and under Captains Smith, Moses Kellogg and Col. Jonathan Ward

- [David Kennedy](#) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A064685. (1730-1792) #A064685 served as a private for Connecticut at Lexington
- [Comfort Barnes](#) See https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A006295. (1737-1816) #A006295 was a civil servant and provided patriotic service for Massachusetts. He served on the Committee of Safety or Correspondence.

I never dreamed I had this many potential patriots in my tree! Now, I have to not only document their service but make sure I have documented my line back to them.

Friday Find

My Minnick folder has yielded a photocopy of a Certificate of Church Membership. I don't believe this record can be found in an online collection.

Certificate of Church Membership

This Certifies

that Emaline Minnick

having in the presence of God and the public congregation renewed the

solemn promise contained in her baptismal covenant, and the beliefs in the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in the Articles of our Church and expressed her willingness to be governed by its Discipline has this day been duly received into full connection with the

Methodist Episcopal Church at Kewanee Station

Illinois according to the form of Discipline

Central Illinois Conference

Benj Applebee, Pastor

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1. Crawford Family Papers; privately held by Marcia Philbrick, Seneca, Kansas, 2016. Emaline Minnick's Certificate of church membership. Photocopy obtained from Doris Ryan of Yates Center, Kansas. [See page](#).



While I failed to locate this record in any database of church memberships, I was able to locate information about the pastor. THE 12 Mar 1897 issue of the Kewanee Daily Courier contained a death notice for Rev. B. Applebee.

Rev. B. Applebee, a former Methodist minister of this place, but now of Red Oak, Iowa, died while at supper one day last week, of neuralgia of the heart. He was pastor in Kewanee during the 60's and was a very successful revivalist. (*Kewanee Daily Courier*, 12 Mar 1897, page 3)

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Saturday Tidbits

News of Nemaha Countians in the Military

from page 1 of the 17 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) [Transcribed with Sider AI]

Some Shifting In Draft Quota

“End Man” May or May Not Go

Names of 14 probable draftees to fill the county’s quota for Feb. 24 were printed recently. There are a few changes.

Floyd Downing, Sabetha, now at Omaha, the one man in the list on whom medical report had not been received, doesn’t pass at the present time. This would require selection of another man to fill the quota of 14, but Bob Adriance, Seneca and Leonard Talley of Centralia, have volunteered, raising the list to 15. Homer Leroy Turner, Oneida, becomes “end man” of the 15 and if 14 men ahead of him go, he will not be sent until a later quota. But here is another question:

Bob Wilson, candy salesman, draftee, now of Excelsior Spring, Mo., might request to be sent from that point, which could be arranged, but in which case Nemaha county would still have to send 14 men, to be given, credit for Wilson later. That leaves the position of the end man of the list still in doubt.

The first 14 now are: Adriance, and Talley, volunteers; Vernet Harry Randel, Corning; Herman Jacob Engel, Wetmore; Gerald John Wempe, Seneca; Lloyd Frederickson, Corning; Edward John Vogel, Bern; Cyril F. Olberding, Baileyville; Wm. Joseph Flaherty, Havensville; Elmer Walter Allen, Corning; Wm. Kenneth Rucker, Wetmore; Francis John Block, Seneca; Robert Goodrich Wilson; Clarence Richard Hazlett, Onaga.

The next five men subject to call have been named as replacements, should any of the above men be rejected. They are:

Homer LeRoy Turner, Oneida; Belford J. Duryea, Seneca; John Charles Baldwin, Seneca; John Marx Christine, Sabetha and Edward Alvin Schmits, Seneca.

Another call is expected in March but state office opinion is that it will be smaller. Part of the quota may be for colored youths. In that case, Donald Davis, Sabetha, will get to go. He has volunteered and has been anxiously waiting an opening.

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

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Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you worked on the matrilineal line of your significant other? Who are the mothers of the mothers of your significant other?

The short answer is yes.

When I started researching my family, I also started researching my husband's line. As typical for the time period, I had family notebooks with his information.

While I don't remember the exact year, my husband and I took a trip with my parents to the Grand Tetons. While we could have driven from Kansas thru Nebraska and then Wyoming to get to the Tetons, we took a 'detour' and went to Salt Lake City and then thru Idaho to get to the Tetons.

Our detour to Salt Lake included spending three days at the Family History Library. I had all of these great plans to put my husband and my parents to work researching my family. However, my husband informed me that if he was spending three days in a library, he was researching his own family! That's when he 'fired' me and took over the research.

Since retirement, he spends a lot of time not only researching but connecting with cousins. My husband has his own tree in Roots Magic and a copy on Ancestry.



My husband does a fantastic job of researching his tree! However, his strength is his ability to connect with distant cousins. He is the administrator of at least two Facebook groups: Philbrick Family and Jerby Family.

By being fired, I not only have more time for my own research, but I have a companion when traveling to archives and libraries!

Crawford Deed

In John Crawford's will, he directed his executors to partition the land giving half to John's brother, William. In the following deed, James Crawford, executor of John Crawford's estate fulfills the will by deed land to William Crawford.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1

[Image 180](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4C-4SM7-9?view=fullText&keywords=Crawford%2CAllen&groupId=M9J7-K18.) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4C-4SM7-9?view=fullText&keywords=Crawford%2CAllen&groupId=M9J7-K18.> and 181 of 403

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This Indenture made this eleventh day of June in the year One thousand Seven Hundred and ninety seven Between James Crawford of Botetourt County State of Virginia of the one part and William Crawford of said County of the other part Witnesseth that whereas John Crawford the elder in his life time purchased the tract of Land on which the said parties now Live on the north side of Craig's Creek which contains Including the surplus , thereof one Hundred & ninety acres of John Craig's said

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Tract being granted to said Craig,, who conveyed the same to said John Crawford Crawford the elder who devised the same by his last will and Testament to his Sons the said William Crawford Crawford & to his son John Crawford Crawford now decd & the said John Crawford Decd by his last will and Testament Autherised his son the said James Crawford as his Executor to divide said Land agreeable -- agreeable to the will of the said John Crawford Crawford the elder and to confirm the title of the said Williams, division or allotment of said Land to him and his heirs from the Claimes of the heirs of the said John decd -- the said James hath therefore agreeable to the last will and Testament of his father John Crawford Dec & in conformity to the last will and Testament of his grand father John Crawford the elder and by the Consent of the sd William Crawford divided said tract of 190 acres of Land and land of said William his division or allotment in the following manner to wit , Beginning at a walnut and double ash on the bank of the Creek & running thence (the division line , Crossing the bottom North east fifty two poles

Passing a white Oak & hickory at the foot
of the Hill to a Stake on the out Side line

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on the side of the Hill thence with the out side
Lines North fifty two & one half degrees west ninety
eight poles to five pines & spanish oak south
seventy five west forty poles to a white Oak and
black Oak on the bank of the Creek at the mouth
of a Gulley where the old Corner stood thence down
the several courses of the creek three hundred &
thirty poles to the Beginning containing
ninety five acres of Land to have and to hold said
allotment of 95 Acres agreeable to the above bound – – ries Together with all the appurtenances
thereunto
belonging to the said William Crawford Crawford & his
heirs forever and the said James Crawford Crawford for him
self & his heirs [fr] relinquishes all his & their title
and claim to said allotment of Land to the said
William and his heirs and shall and will forever
Warrant & Defend the title of the same to the said
William Crawford his heirs or assigns from the
claim or claims of themselves or the heirs of
the said John Crawford decd in Testimony
whereof the said James Crawford hath hereunto
Set his hand and seal the day and year above
Written – N B The will of the said John Craw
ford decd was admitted to record at Botetourt
December Court 1796 & the words thus was interlined
in the eighth line before this deed was signed
James Crawford (Seal)

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July Botetourt Court 1797

This Indenture Bargain & Sale
was acknowledged in court by the within
mentioned James Crawford and thereupon
ordered to be Recorded
A Copy Test H. Bowyer CBC

Crawford
to } *and*
Crawford

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 June in the year one thousand seven hundred
 and ninety seven Between James Crawford of
 Botetourt County State of Virginia of the one
 part and William Crawford of said County
 of the other part Witnesseth that Whereas John
 Crawford the elder in his life time purchased the
 tract of Land on which the said parties now
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 contains (including the surplus thereof) one
 thousand & ninety acres of John Craig (said

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 devised the same by his last will and Testament
 to his son Thomas William Crawford & to his
 son John Crawford now deceased the said John
 Crawford deceased by his last will and Testament
 authorized his son the said John Crawford as
 his Executor to divide said land agreeable to
 agreeable to the will of the said John Crawford
 the elder and to confirm the title of the said
 William division or allotment of said land
 to him and his heirs from the Claim of the
 heirs of the said John Crawford the said James
 hath therefore agreeable to the last will and
 Testament of his father John Crawford
 deceased & in conformity to the last will
 and Testament of his grandfather John
 Crawford the elder and by the consent of the
 said James divided said tract of 190 acres of land
 and laid off said William his division or allotment
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 passing a white oak & hickory at the foot
 of the Hill to a Stake on the west side of the

(315) On the side of the Hill thence with the east side
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 eight poles to five Pines & a Spanish Oak South
 twenty five west forty poles to a white Oak and
 black Oak on the bank of the Creek at the mouth
 of a Gulch is here the old Course stood thence around
 the several corners of the creek three hundred &
 thirty poles to the Beginning Court assuming
 ninety five acres of Land to have and to hold said
 Allotment of 95 Acres agreeable to the above bound-
 ries Together with all the appurtenances thereto
 belonging to the said William Crawford & his
 heirs forever and the said James Crawford for him-
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 and assigns to said Allotment of above to the said
 William and his heirs and shall and will forever
 WARRANT & Defend the title of the same to the said
 William Crawford his heirs or assigns from the
 Claims or Claims of the ourselves or the heirs of
 the said James Crawford dec'd in Testimony
 we hereof the said James Crawford with his heirs
 set his hand and seal the day and year above
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 Ordered to be Recorded
 Attest Teste Wm Bowyer Clk

Expanded

Purple Heart

Haley W. Skinner



Photo added by [Larry Gilbert](#)

Haley W Skinner V

BIRTH	28 Feb 1918
DEATH	1 Mar 1942 (aged 24)
BURIAL	Sabetha Cemetery Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA Add to Map
MEMORIAL ID	154945475 · View Source

Haley W. Skinner Service # 0-428537 Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces 13th Pursuit Squadron, 53rd Pursuit Group Entered the Service from: Kansas Awards: Purple Heart NARA War Department records list this soldiers Home of Record as Nemaha County, Kansas...Finding Of Death...Perished in the sinking of USS EDSALL (DD-219) in Indian Ocean, southwest of Java... See additional cenotaph at Find A Grave Memorial# 56763445.

Inscription

1st LT 57 PURSUIT GP AA F
LOST IN THE PACIFIC AREA
WORLD WAR II PH
(from Find a Grave Memorial)

Enlistment

Haley W Skinner

US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

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Full Name	Haley W Skinner
Army Serial Number	17019601
Enlistment Place	Ft Leavenworth Kansas
Enlistment Date	18 Mar 1941
Army Branch	Medical Administrative Corps - For Officers only
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Nemaha County, Kansas
Source Of Army Personnel	Civil Life
Army Component	Regular Army (including Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)
Level Of Education	2 years of college

Is Licensed Pilot

Haley Skinner, who has been a student in the flying course of the national school in Emporia, has his license as a pilot and is ready to fly if he can get hold of a plane. He has his required hours in the air as solo flier. Haley is at home with his parents for the summer vacation. If anyone has an airplane not in use he might offer it to Haley Skinner.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 11 Jul 1940, page 5

Fly To Emporia For Visit

Haley Skinner and Jack Sheldon returned to Sabetha March 8 after a few days visit in Emporia. The two drove to St. Joseph from where they flew a plane to Emporia. They came back via Sabetha, landing the plane in a wheat field at the southeast edge of town. Skinner flew on to St. Joseph on Sunday. The ship, a cub trainer, belongs to a Hiawatha flying club of which Skinner and Curtis Bockenstette are both members

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 March 1941, page 5

Haley Skinner Leaves Const.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Skinner received a telephone message from their son Lieut Haley Skinner Sunday evening. Lieut. Skinner was in Lost Angeles, Calif. when he called. He told his mother he was leaving the west coast by boat and would leave on the following day which was Monday. Lieut. Skinner is a pursuit plane pilot.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 22 Jan 1942, page 7

Sabetha Flier Is Missing

Lieut. Haley Skinner Was on Langley

Sabetha Herald

The War Department has notified Mr and Mrs. L. E. Skinner of Sabetha that their son, Haley Skinner, a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, is missing. He was among those on the U. S. S. Langley when she was sunk south of Java on February 27. Announcement of the sinking was made in daily papers Saturday morning, the same day the Skinners were notified. Casualties in the sinking of the Langley, which went down as a result of bombing attack, were small, according to newspaper accounts. Survivors were transferred almost immediately to tanker Pecos. However, the next day the

Pecos was bombed and sunk with an estimated loss of about two-thirds of the Langley survivors and the crew of the Pecos. The telegram received by the Skinners did not indicate whether or not Haley had been transferred to the Pecos, but simply stated he was missing from the Langley. The telegram received by Skinners arrived Saturday after-noon shortly after four o'clock and read as follows:

"Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Lieut. Haley William Skinner, United States Army, has been reported missing while in the service of his country aboard the U.S.S. Langley at sea. Further reports will be forwarded as received. The Adjutant General

All of Sabetha has been greatly concerned over the report. Haley is a particularly well liked boy by both older persons and those his own age. He has always been interested in aviation, and got started through a flying club at Hiawatha several years ago. Last summer he went through the rigorous air corps training course at Randolph Field, Texas. He was transferred to Selma, Ala., for final advanced training in pursuit ship work, upon completion of which he was awarded his commission.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 9 April 1942, page 1



Sabetha Missing

Haley Skinner

Lieut. Haley Skinner, army air. corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Sabetha, is reported missing from the Langley, sunk in the battle of Java. This photo was taken at the time Lieut. Skinner graduated from Randolph Field, Texas.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 13 April 1942, page 6

Sabetha

No Word Of Haley Skinner

There has been no further word of Haley Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner of Sabetha, reported missing as an army air corps flier on board the USS. Langley, sunk south of Java. However, friends of the Skinners and of Haley, who was a lieutenant, are heartened by such news stories as one that appeared recently of Walter Mitchell, who went down with both the Langley and the tanker Pecos, which picked up Langley survivors. Mitchell phoned his mother after the war department reported him missing from the Langley. The story did not tell how he phoned his mother nor how he was rescued.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 16 April 1942, page 7

Memorial Service Sunday for Lt. Haley Skinner

A memorial service for Lieut. Haley Skinner, Sabetha, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. E. L. Baker. Lt. Skinner, a flier in the U. S. Army Air Corps, was reported missing following the sinking of the aircraft tender, U. S. S. Langley, Feb. 27. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner were notified. April 4. It is assumed Lt. Skinner was aboard the Langley

to be transferred to a land air base somewhere in the vicinity of Java.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 23 April 1942, page 1

Sabetha

Haley Skinner Memorial Service.

The Congregational Church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon with friends and relatives who gathered to pay tribute to Haley Skinner, reported missing from the U. S. S. Langley disaster at sea. The church chancel was beautifully decorated with vases and baskets of flowers and potted plants. The Masonic order, of which Haley is a member, the Eastern Star chapter, Boy Scouts, American Legion, Kansas State Guard and American Legion Auxiliary members attended the service in a body.

The church choir and Miss Marian Spencer, organist, added to the beauty of the service with music appropriate to the occasion.

The service was conducted by: the Rev. E. L. Baker.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 4 May 1942, page 2

Sabetha

Langley Survivor Is Safe.

Friends of Haley Skinner, who was reported lost when the U. S. S. Langley and the tanker Pecos were lost near Java two months ago, are interested in the communication received Monday morning by M. L. Shetter, Hiawatha mechanic, that his son, a sailor on the Langley, who was reported missing and for whom memorial services were held at Hiawatha, is now safe and stationed in Australia. The sailor's commander wrote that the boy, Warren G. Shetter, would communicate with his parents at his first opportunity, and that communications with forces in the southwest Pacific are strained and difficult.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 7 May 1942, page 7

War Department Continues Haley Skinner As Missing

The United States War Department reported 2nd Lt. Haley Skinner, Army Air Force fighter pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Skinner of Sabetha, as missing in sea action on February 27, 1942. "In the course of the past year the Skinners have received several communications from the War Department regarding their son's status. Among these was a statement that final disposal of the case would not be made until one year following the original date, of the action.

This date has passed, and Tues-day morning the Skinners received another communication from the department. It stated that since there is "no evidence warranting contrary action" that Lt. Skinner is being officially continued in the "missing" status. The letter says the case has been carefully reviewed, and that every effort has been made through the American Red Cross and the Japanese government to obtain information in such cases, but that "so far few reports have been received." The communication says that so long as the missing status is continued, pay, allowances and allotments also remain in effect.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 25 March 1943, page 8

Men In The Service

Haley Skinner Presumed Dead.

Mr and Mrs Lew Skinner of Sabetha have received a communication from the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, that the case of their son, First Lieutenant William Haley Skinner, has been reviewed and a presumptive finding of death has been made as of December 18, 1945 This means that for purposes of records, pay, insurance, and other official matters it is presumed that Lt. Skinner died on December 18, 1945 He was listed as missing on February 27, 1942.

The circumstances surrounding the absence of Lt Skinner and a group of army and navy personnel reported missing at the same time is intricate and, in many respects, unsatisfactorily incomplete. Haley became an army P-40 fighter pilot who, with his air group, was sent to Australia at the very first of the war, at the time the Japanese were making rapid conquest southward in the Pacific. This army fighter group volunteered to go to Tjilitjap, in southern Java. Half of the pilots were to fly to

Java in their own fighter planes, the other half were to go aboard the aircraft tender, (formerly carrier) Langley. All of the ground crew personnel, along with equipment and P-40 fighter planes and half the pilots were aboard the Langley. The pilots flipped coins to determine which should fly, which should go on the Langley. Haley Skinner happened to be in the group that went on the Langley. The ship was unescorted but two destroyers, the Whipple and the Edsall, answered an S O. S. from the Langley when, 70 miles from her destination the Langley was attacked by air and had to be abandoned. All personnel were at first taken aboard the Edsall, but later the navy personnel were transferred to the Pecos, a navy tanker. The army ground crewmen and pilots remained on the Edsall. The next day the Pecos was sunk. Her S O.S was answered by the Whipple, but not by the Edsall. The Edsall was never again heard from directly and definitely, but Lew Skinner has received some information that appears to indicate it is possible the Edsall might have put in at Tjilitjap. There is a discrepancy in dates and verification is not certain.

The Japanese were moving southward rapidly, and Tjilitjap was overrun at this time. and the port ordered evacuated by all allied personnel. It was not possible to evacuate all, and many were known to have taken to the hills and the interior, later joining or forming guerilla bands as was done in the Philippines. It is believed possible the Edsall might have put in to Tjilitjap, disembarked its army personnel and put out to sea before being lost. There is the further chance that such men, because of scant communications and the dense interior, might have fled the coast and still be alive without connection with the outside world. These circumstances have caused the extended period of delay during which Lt. Skinner and the others in his group have been continued on the War Department's records as missing.

O D. H Bentley of Dover, Mass, is the father of one of the army fliers in the group with Haley Skinner. Bentley has kept in constant communication with next of kin of many of those listed as missing from the Langley and the Edsall, including the Lew Skinners of Sabetha. Mr Skinner last week received letter number 380 from Mr. Bentley concerning the situation. He has made exhaustive investigation of the circumstances, and Mr. Skinner believes he may know as much or more about the situation as the War Department. In this most recent letter, dated December 26, Mr Bentley says "The War Department no doubt was advised to make a finding in regard to all the boys who have been carried in the missing status. It does not mean anything definite, one way or the other, excepting a technical settlement or adjustment of their accrued accounts, etc. I am not giving up yet."

The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 2 Jan 1946, page 1

The May 31, 2006 issue of the Sabetha Herald contains a feature story about [Lt. Haley Skinner](#) See https://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?k=%22haley%20skinner%22&i=f&d=01011860-12312020&m=between&ord=k1&fn=sabetha_herald_usa_kansas_sabetha_20060531_english_11&df=1&dt=5..

Unaccounted for Remains

Skinner, Haley W

US, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, 1941-1975

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Full Name	Skinner, Haley W
Series Title	Unaccounted-for Remains, Group B, 1941-1975
Residence Place	Kansas
Conflict	World War II
Death Date	27 Feb 1942
Branch	United States Army Air Forces
MIA Place	Indian Ocean
MIA Place Alias	Indian Ocean
Source ID	27337
Source Record Group	Wii-01648-J
Served For	United States of America

Manilla Memorial

2LT Haley W Skinner V

BIRTH 28 Feb 1918
Kansas, USA

DEATH 1 Mar 1942 (aged 24)
At Sea

MONUMENT [Manila American Cemetery and Memorial](#)
i Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region, Philippines 📍 [Add to Map](#)

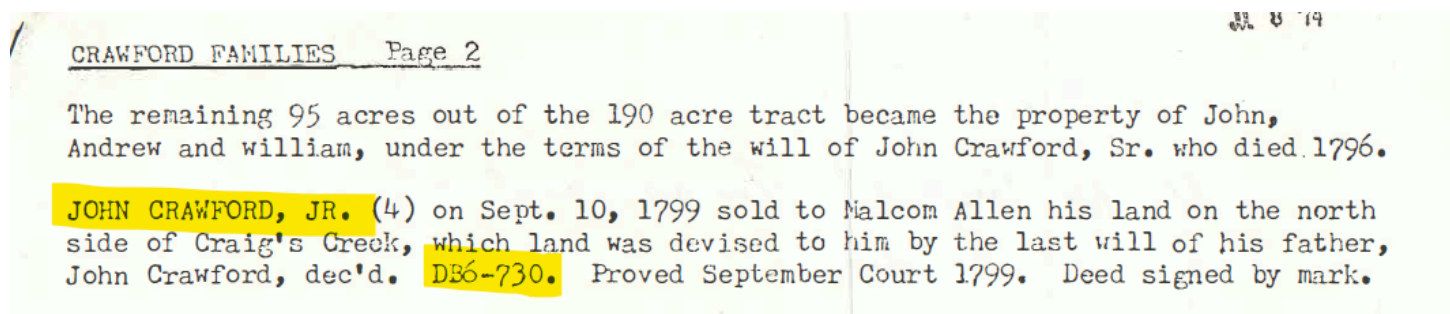
PLOT Tablets of the Missing

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1799 Crawford Deed

As I'm continuing to research the family of John Crawford, whose [will](#) See page . was recorded in 1796 in Botetourt County, Virginia, I'm finding the deeds where his sons sold the Virginia land.

While I don't know the source of the information about the '[Crawford Families of Virginia and Overton County, Tennessee](#)' See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2020/04/10/source-mystery/>., it is providing clues to help me locate the actual records for this family.



Today's deed shows John Crawford (the son) selling land on Craig's Creek to Malcolm Allen in 1799.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1

page 730 ([image 396](#) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4C-4SSG-L?view=fullText&keywords=Crawford%2CAllen&groupId=M9J7-K18. of 403>)

This Indenture Made this tenth day of September one Thousand seven hundred and ninety nine Between John Crawford of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the one part and Malcom Allen of the Couty aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said John for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred & twenty five pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained granted sold & aliened and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said

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Malcom Allen one Certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Botetourt County aforesaid on the North Side of Craigs Creek which Said Land was devised to him by the last Will and Testament of his father John Crawford Decd and also on other Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the Dutchman River a Branch of Craigs Creek and Bounded as follows to wit . Beginning at two large White pine by a steep gully and runing thence North Sixty Degrees West forty poles to a Double Chesnut Oak Sapling , and two pines on the South side of a Ridge , North twenty one Degrees East thirty six poles to a Spanish Oak and Chesnut Oak on the North

side of a Steep Ridge North ten Degrees West twenty poles to three White Oaks & a Spanish Oak North thirty Degrees East Sixty Eight poles to three White Oaks and a White pine by a branch South twenty four Degrees East fifty Eight poles to three White Oaks on the Top of a Ridge South Seventeen West ninety two poles to the Beginning also one other tract or parcel of land containing thirty acres being in the County aforesaid on the North side of said Creek adjoining the old survey of John Crawford Decd and the land of Josiah Crawford To have and to hold all the above granted tract of land and premises Together with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said Marion Allen his heirs or assigns forever and the said John Crawford for himself his heirs Executors or administrators the titles of said land in fee simple and all and singular the premises from himself and every other person whomsoever unto the said Malcom

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Allen his heirs Executors or assigns shall and will forever Warrant and Defend by these presents in witness whereof the said John Crawford have hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above Written

John his mark Crawford

at September Botetourt Court 1799

This Indenture of Bargain & sale was acknow

ledged in Court by the within Mentioned John Crawford

and ordered to be Recorded

A Copy Test W. H[ike] DC

Crawford
to J. Allen
Allen
2 Tracts
Exam

This Indenture Made this tenth day of September
between one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine Between
John Crawford of the County of Botetourt and State of
Virginia of the one part and Malcom Allen of the County
of the County aforesaid of the other part Witness
That the said John for and in Consideration of the sum
of Two hundred & twenty five pounds Current Money of
Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is
humbly acknowledged hath bargained granted sold & aliened
and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said

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 Mathew Allen one certain tract or parcel of land lying
 and being in Bolivar County adjacent on the North side
 of Craig's Creek which said land was devised to him
 by the last Will and Testament of his father John
 Crawford Esq. and also on other tract or parcels of land
 lying and being in the County aforesaid on the Bolivar
 River a Branch of Craig's Creek and bounded as follows
 to wit. Beginning at two large white firs by a sharp gully
 and turning thence North sixty Degrees West forty poles to
 a Double Chestnut Oak sapling and two firs on the South
 side of a Creek North twenty one Degrees East thirty six
 poles to a Spanish Oak and Chestnut Oak on the North
 side of a Sharp Ridge North ten Degrees West twenty
 poles to three white Oaks to Spanish Oak North thirty
 Degrees East sixty Eight poles to three white Oaks on a
 white fir by a branch South twenty four Degrees East
 fifty Eight poles to three white Oaks on the Top of a Ridge
 South twenty one Degrees West two poles to the Beginning
 also on other tract or parcels of land containing thirty acres lying
 in the County aforesaid on the North side of said Creek ad-
 joining the lot survey of John Crawford Esq. and the land of
 Lewis Crawford. To have and to hold all the above granted
 tracts of land and premises together with them and every of them
 appurtenances unto the said Mathew Allen his heirs or assigns
 forever and the said John Crawford for himself his heirs
 Executors or administrators the title of said land in fee
 simple and all and singular the Powers powers tenues
 and every other power whatsoever unto the said Mathew

1732) *Allen* his heirs Executors or assigns shall and will have
 Warrant and Defend by their presents in return whereof
 the said John Crawford have thence to set his hand and
 affixed his seal the day and Year above written
 John ^{his} Crawford *ESQ*
 Clerk
 At September Bolivar Court 1799
 This Indenture of Bryan & Salts was acknowledged
 before me in Court by the within mentioned John Crawford
 and ordered to be Recorded
 a Copy True *W. H. H. Esq*

1807 Allen Deed

A Botetourt County Virginia will of John Crawford indicates that part of his land is to be split between three sons: John, Andrew and William. In 1799, John Crawford sells his portion to Malcolm Allen while brother, Andrew sells his portion to Thomas Allen. According to the [Crawford Families](#) See

<https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2020/04/10/source-mystery/>. papers by George Fetzer, a deed where William Crawford sells his land has not been found.

However, in 1807, a deed from Thomas Allen to Malcolm Allen indicates the land being sold is Andrew and William's portion.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD (4) apparently signed a deed to his interest in the land, but the deed can not be found of record. Perhaps he was under 21 years of age, and the court would not approve the deed for recording. The following deed will clear this point for our purpose: Thomas Allen and wife, Polly, on Oct. 20, 1807, sold to Malcom Allen a tract of land which was conveyed to Thomas Allen from Andrew and William Crawford, heirs of John Crawford, dec'd on the north bank of Craig's Creek, adjoining the land of William Crawford. DB?, Page 384.

Botetourt County Virginia

Deed Book 9, 1805-1809

007837426, Item 2

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This Indenture made the 20th day of October in the year of our Lord 1807 between Thomas Allen & Polly his wife of the County of Tazewell & State of Virginia of the one part, and Malcom Allen of the County of Botetourt & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of five hundred pounds Current Money of the State to the said Thomas Allen in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Hath bargained granted sold & aliened by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien & confirm unto the said Malcom Allen all that tract & parcell of land which was conveyd unto the said Thomas Allen from Andrew & William Crawford heirs of John Crawford Deceasd To wit Including all the lands the said Thomas Allen Occupied & Claimed of the tract for merly belonging to John Crawford Deceasd lying & being in the County of Botetourt on the north bank of Craigs Creek adjoining Land to William Crawl. To have & to hold the said granted land & premises together with their & every of their appertainences unto the said Malcom Allen his heirs & assigns forever And the said Thomas Allen & Polley his wife for themselves their heirs & [execu]tors or adminr The Title of the said Lands in fee simple and all & singular the premises together with their & every of their appertainences from themselves & every other person whomsoever unto the said Malcom Allen his heirs Executor administrators & assigns shall & will warrant & forever Defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Thomas Allen & Polley his wife hath hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day & year above

written

Thomas Allen (seal)

Polly Allen (Seal)

Signed & Acknowledged in the

presents of us –

Thos Smoot

James Weirs See Page 318 for wife Ackd

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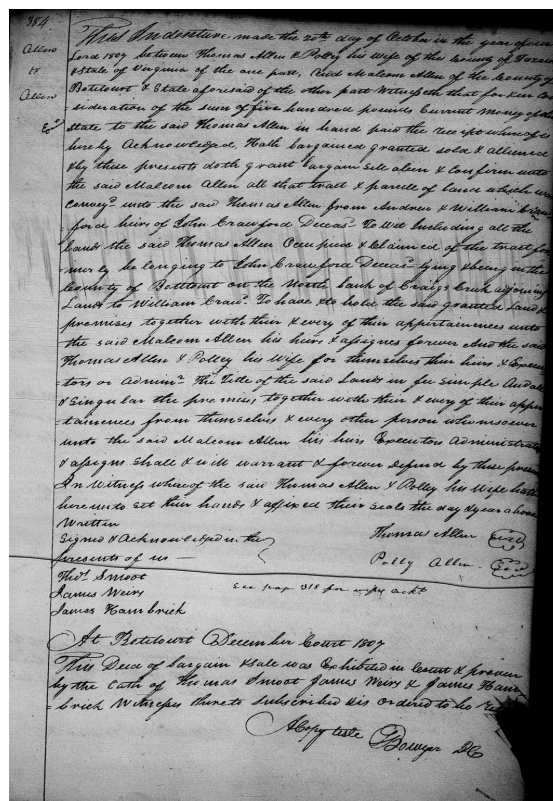
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Saturday Tidbits

News of Nemaha Countians in the Military

from page 1 of the 17 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune of Seneca, Kansas [Transcribed by Sider AI]

Hear The Call To Defense

Balie Keith, Charles Allen Summoned

The call to national defense and to national defense industry can be expected to draw into service more and more of the home town boys in whom we are all interested.

For example, there is Balie Keith, expert machinist, who never lived anywhere else but Seneca, now with the Spartan Aircraft Co., near Tulsa. Balie went to Tulsa a week ago yesterday to look over the prospects of private employment with the Spartan people who have government contracts. There was some question about physical fitness but Mrs. Keith received a note Thursday saying her husband is at work.

Balie lost a leg years ago beneath a Grand Island train and while it naturally has been a handicap it has not kept him from hard work on motor cars. He is a precision man on a lathe and it is readily understood here that Spartan would waive his disability in view of his skill. He is operating an engine-type lathe. Mrs. Keith would not say that she is joining her husband in Tulsa. They want to see how Balie likes the work before making final decision. He is working a six-day week. Milton Ford is in charge of the Keith motor car repair shop.

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

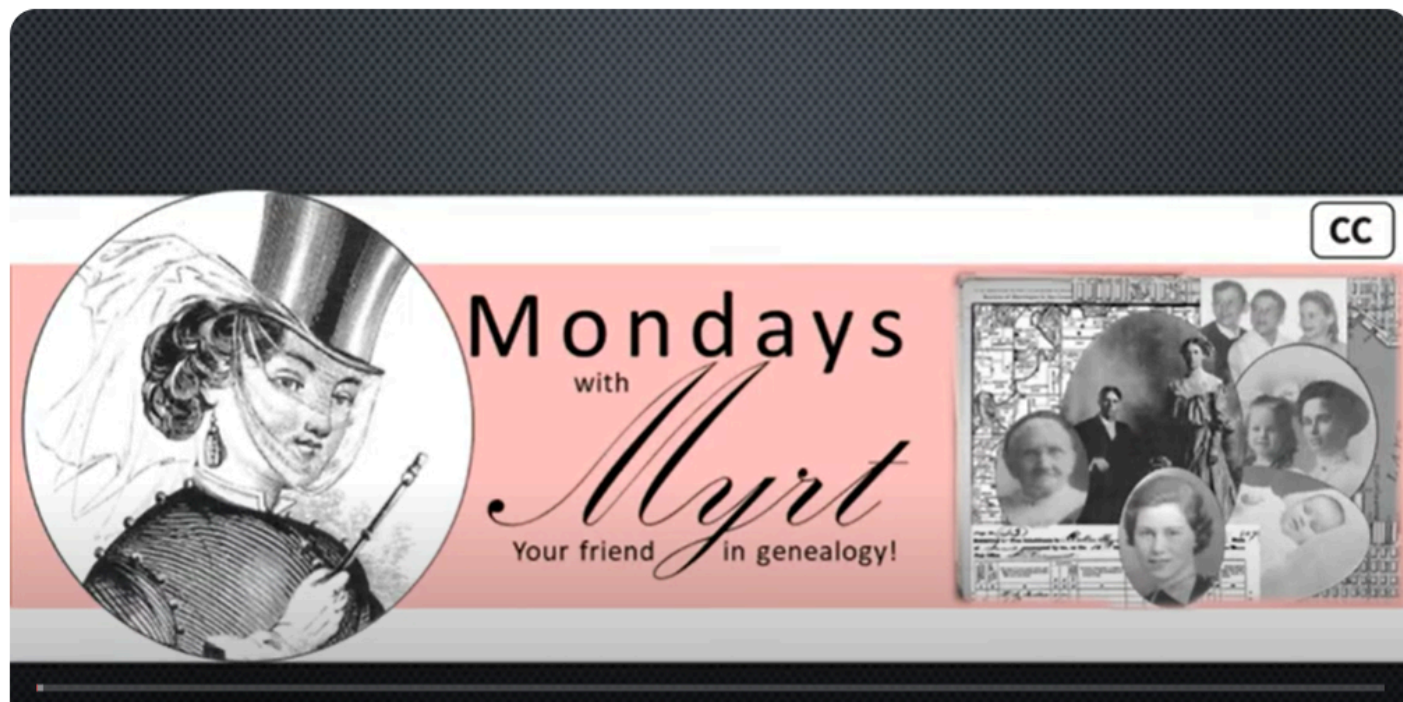
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you watch YouTube videos on a regular basis? What are your favorite YouTube channels for genealogy research?

While I do watch YouTube videos, I don't watch genealogy related ones on a regular basis. Instead, I watch them when I'm trying to learn a new skill or learn about available resources. Thus, I'm 'searching' for videos versus tuning in.

However, there is one 'video' that I try to watch live: [Mondays with Myrt](https://www.youtube.com/@DearMYRTLEArchive/streams..) See <https://www.youtube.com/@DearMYRTLEArchive/streams..>



I find this panel discussion to be a fantastic way to keep abreast of new tools and procedures. I'm very thankful that 'Dear Myrtle' came out of retirement to bring back this resource.

At times, I watch videos by [GenealogyTV](https://www.youtube.com/@GenealogyTV) See <https://www.youtube.com/@GenealogyTV>. or [Your DNA Guide](https://www.youtube.com/@YourDNAGuide..) See <https://www.youtube.com/@YourDNAGuide..> However, I'm not a regular viewer.

Instead of videos, I tend to use blog posts and Facebook groups to stay abreast of genealogy happenings. Each morning, I open Feedly and read a variety of blog posts, sharing some of them on Twitter/X.

I guess I'm just 'old school' in that I prefer to read vs watch when it comes to learning.

1799 Anderson Crawford Deed

Thanks to FamilySearch's experimental labs and a '[Crawford Families](#)' See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2020/04/10/source-mystery/>. document from an unknown source, I'm tracking down deeds in Botetourt County, Virginia. Today's deed is for the 1799 sale of land that Andrew Crawford inherited from John Crawford to Thomas Allen.

ANDREW CRAWFORD (4) on April 9, 1799 sold to Thomas Allen one-third part of land owned by Andrew by virtue of the last will of John Crawford, dec'd, being 93 acres of an old grant formerly occupied by John Crawford, dec'd, adjoining the land of William Crawford. Signed by Andrew. Proved April Court 1799. DE6-662.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1

[Image 356 of 403](#) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4C-4S3C-W?view=fullText&keywords=Crawford%2CAllen&groupId=M9J7-K18>.
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This Indenture Made the this ninth day of
April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and
ninety Nine Between Andrew Crawford Crawford of Botetourt County
and State of Vagina of the one part and Thomas Allen of the

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County and State aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth That the
said Andrew Crawford for and in Consideration of the sum of one hund
dred and Sixty five pounds Current money of Virginia to him paid
in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath Bargained
granted sold and aliened , and by these presents doth grant bargain
and sell unto the said Thomas Allen The one third part of Certain
Tracts or parcels of Land Lying and being in Botetourt County aforesaid
Owned by Said Andrew , by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of John
Crawford Decd to wit the one Third of ninety three Acres of an old
grant formerly Occupied by said John Crawford Decd Lying and
being on Craigs Creek adjoining the Lands of William Crawford and
being on the North Side of said Creek and also the one third part of
two entries made by said John Crawford Decd Containing [sixty]
three acres be the same more or Less one entry containing thirty
acres adjoining the aforesaid granted Lands and the Land of Josiah
Crawford the Other entry containing thirty three acres adjoins the
Lands of William Crawford aforesaid To have and to hold
the said granted lands and together with their & every of their appur
tenances unto the said Thomas Allen his heirs or assigns forever and the
said Andrew Crawford Crawford for himself his heirs Executors or administrators
the title of said Land in fee Simple and all and singular the premises
together with their & every of their appurtenances from himself and
every other person whomsoever unto the said Thomas Allen his heirs
Executor administrators or assigns Shall and will Warrant and forever
Defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Andrew
Crawford hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day

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And Year above Written – Andrew Crawford (seal)

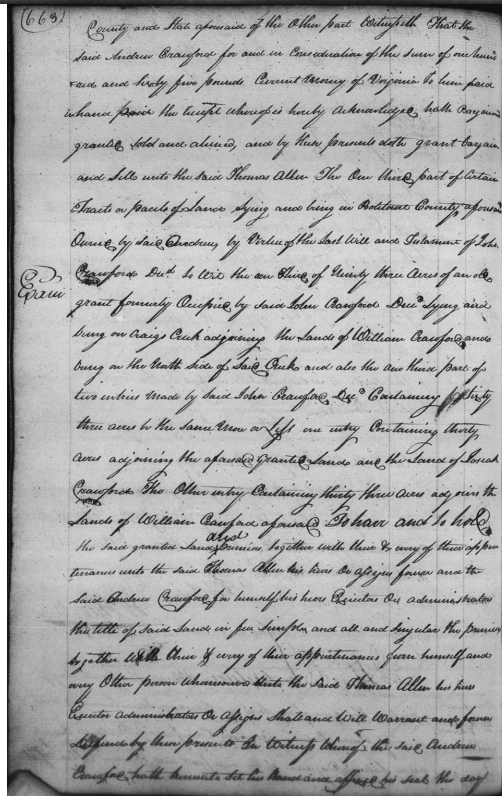
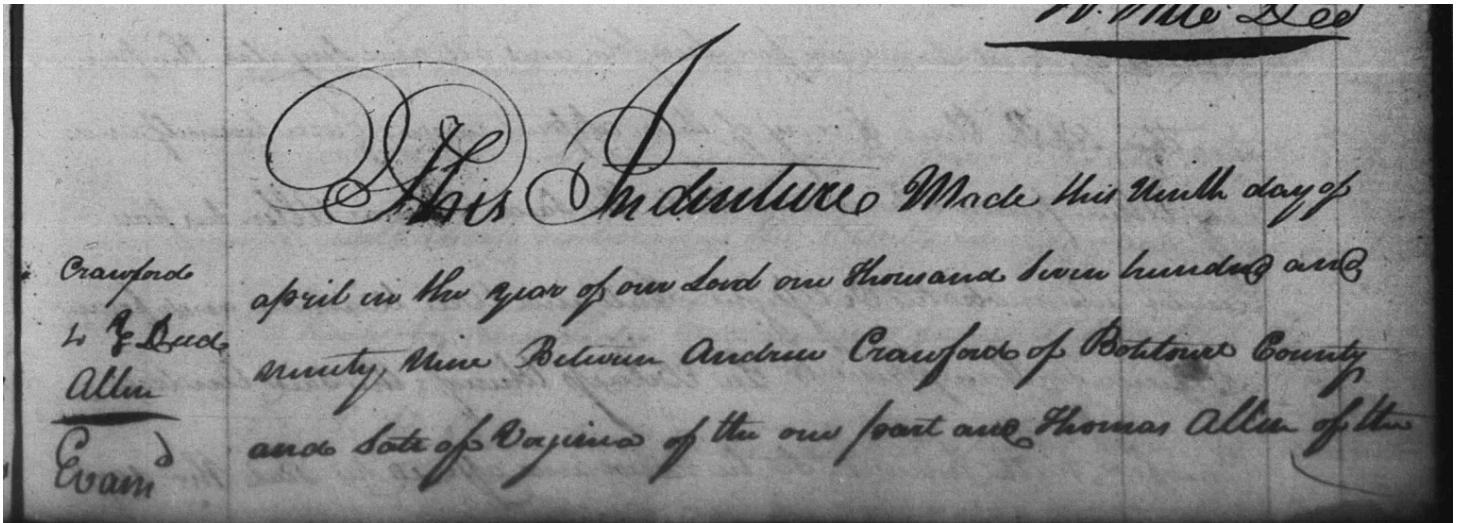
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Purple Heart

Earl Meyer

Local and General News

Earl Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer is employed by the McGinty Motor Company.
Sabetha Herald, 8 Oct 1941, page 9

Defense School Starts With Enrollment of 12

Sabetha Superintendent of schools W. O. Stark announces that the Defense School got underway Monday evening for the opening session under the direction of Earl Willard of Morrill. The school will meet five nights each week and this session will be held in the Lonnie Fletchall workshop building owned by Norman Morgan just north of the Methodist church. Willard will instruct 12 pupils during this session in the art of motor mechanics, fender welding and other details of machine shop work.

The twelve enrollees for this term are Gayle Snyder, Leonard Strahm, Earl J Meyer, James Wilson, Jr. Donald Williams and Wilbur Kyle of Sabetha: Ivan Wissler, Donald Elliott (husband of the former Thelma Williams), Robert Schmiedeler (son of the clerk of the district court), and Al Buser of Seneca; Marvin Hartman of Bern and Charles Dores of Morrill.

In addition to the equipment provided by Uncle Sam for last year's defense school, \$1.000 worth of tools has been bought and delivered for use by this new crop of students. The new purchases include a valve grinder, acetylene torch, grinding wheel and other important items

Sabetha Herald, 29 Oct 1941, page 1

Berwick Center

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Meyer entertained Sunday evening in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Belmer Myer and for Earl Meyer who will soon be inducted in the army.

Sabetha Herald, 11 Mar 1942, page 11

Berwick

Earl Meyer and Lawrence Miller went to Seneca Sunday where they joined those being inducted into the army from Nemaha county.

Sabetha Herald, 1 April 1942, page 3

Service Men's Addresses

Pfc. early Meyer 538 Inf Co E. 90th Div. Camp Barkley, Tex.

Sabetha Herald, 22 Jul 1942, page 1

Berwick

Earl Meyer is home from Ft. Barkley, Texas, on a two weeks furlough.

Sabetha Herald, 18 Nov 1942, page 7

Sgt. Earl Meyer-Home.

Sgt Earl J Meyer, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Meyer of the Berwick neighborhood, has been home from Camp Barkeley, Texas, on a ten day furlough. He returned to Barkeley the first of this week. He has been stationed at his camp ever since last summer (perhaps longer) except for the last time he was on maneuvers in Louisiana last winter. He has seen several Sabetha soldiers while at Barkeley, and saw Cpl. Joe Wicki only a few weeks ago. Sgt. Meyer was a welcome visitor at The Herald office while he was home, and the editor was most unhappy to have missed visiting with him

Sabetha Herald, 16 Jun 1943, page 1

Berwick

Sgt. Earl Meyer is at home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer.

Sabetha Herald, 12 Jan 1944, page 7

Staff Sergeant Earl Meyer left for Fort Dix, N J. Monday after having spent a furlough at home. He was informed of his promotion from buck to staff sergeant just before he left his station, so didn't have his new stripes to wear home. He is guide of an infantry rifle platoon. His company has been stationed at Dix only a short time and is receiving new equipment and having a rest period. His outfit is equipped with M-1 rifles, and recently completed an intensive training period. "We're all anxious to get our jobs done well so we may return to normal conditions again," he said.

Sabetha Herald, 19 Jan 1944, page 8

Injured in France

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer, Staff Sgt. Early Meyer writes from England: "Have just been released from the hospital. Met with a little accident in France and was returned to a hospital in England. Am ready to go back again. Feeling fine."

Sabetha Herald, 5 Jul 1944, page 1

Men In The Service

S-Sgt. Earl Meyer Killed In France

S-Sgt. Earl Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis-Meyer, was killed in action in France July 23, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department Monday.

The telegram gave no details of the death, but stated that a letter would follow. Meyer was wounded in France June 11, but apparently he had recovered and was back in action at the time of his death July 23. He entered the army in December, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He was on maneuvers in Louisiana in the first part of 1943 and returned to Camp Barkeley in April, 1943. Then he trained with his infantry outfit in California before going to Fort Dix, N. J. in January, 1944. From Fort Dix he went overseas the latter part of January or the first part of February.

Sabetha Herald, 23 Aug 1944, page 1

Men In The Service

Memorial for Sgt Earl Meyer.

A memorial service for Sgt. Earl Meyer, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Meyer, who lost his life in battle in France on

July 23, will be held at the Apostolic Christian Church northwest of Sabetha on Sunday, October 22 at 1:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend this service and pay tribute to the memory of one who gave his life for his country. Earl was an exemplary young man. He was reared on the home farm near Berwick and lived there until called into service.

Sabetha Herald, 18 Oct 1944, page 1

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Courier Tribune, 2 Nov 1944, page 6

Remains of Sgt. Earl Meyer En Route Here For Burial

The remains of Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer, who was killed in action in France July 23, 1944, are en route to this country, according to a telegram received this week from the quartermaster depot in Kansas City by Sergeant Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer. When they reach the distribution center they will be brought to Reinhart Funeral Home, designated by the family, accompanied by military escort The family does not plan to request military services at the funeral.

Sergeant Meyer was born on his parents' farm near Berwick July 4, 1919 He attended the neighborhood school and assisted on the farm until he was called into service and sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, March 29, 1942, to receive his training. He remained there until April, 1943, when his group was moved to Shreveport, La. From there he was sent to California for desert maneuvers. In January, 1944, he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and April 1 was sent overseas. He was wounded in action in France June 11, 1944, but was back in service July 17. On July 23, he was killed in action.

Soon after his induction Earl was made a corporal, then in January 1943 was made sergeant, and less than a year later was promoted to staff sergeant.

Sabetha Herald, 31 Mar 1948, page 1

Body of S-Sgt. Earl Meyer Reaches Port at New York

Kansas City, Mo. April 5.-Accompanied by appropriate military escort, the body of the late Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer which arrived April 3 at the port of New York aboard the United States Army Transport John L. McCarley, will be forwarded through the American Graves Registration Distribution Center here to Sabetha, Kan. for final interment. Louis Meyer, 216 Main Street, Sabetha, father of Earl has been informed.

The McCarley, which sailed from Cherbourg, carried bodies of 2,619 Americans returned at request of next of kin from the D-Day military cemeteries at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mar, Blosville and LaCambe, Normandy.

A period of two weeks is expected to elapse after arrival of the transport before remains are started from the Kansas City Center to the final destination. Forwarding of bodies will continue from that time over a period of six weeks. Before remains leave the Center for final destinations next of kin will be notified in time to make final plans for services

Military escorts accompanying bodies from the Center to final destinations are from the same branch of service as the deceased and of comparable rank or grade.

Sabetha Herald, 7 Apr 1948, page 1

Services for Earl Meyer Will Be Held Saturday

Graveside funeral services for S-Sgt Earl J Meyer, who was killed in action in France July 23, 1944, will be held in the Sabetha cemetery Saturday morning at 10 00 o'clock. The remains will reach Hiawatha at 4 14 Friday afternoon, accompanied by military escort, and will be brought by the Reinhart Funeral coach to the Reinhart

funeral home, where they will lie in state Friday night. There will be no services at the funeral home. The coach will be escorted to the cemetery Saturday morning by members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and after the brief graveside services taps will be sounded.

In accordance with custom, business houses in Sabetha will remain closed from 9 30 to 10 30 Saturday morning in tribute to Sergeant Meyer

Sabetha Herald, 28 April 1948, page 1

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Killed in Action in WWII Earl Meyer (1919-1944)

*Compiled by Patty Locher
Sabetha Herald Staff*

Staff Sergeant Earl Meyer, son of Louis Sr. and Sarah Hartter Meyer of rural Sabetha, participated in the invasion of Europe in June 1944.

On June 11, he was wounded while unloading equipment and, after recuperating, he was again sent into action on July 17.

Six days later, on July 23, 1944, he was killed in battle near Gonfreville, France, one of more than 291,000 American service members who died as a result of combat action during World War II.

Meyer was born at the farm home of his parents near Berwick on July 4, 1919. He attended Berwick Centre School and assisted his dad on the farm.

His siblings provided the following memories of his growing up years.

Earl was small for his age when he was young. He grew up to be 5'6' and had darker hair than anyone else in the family. Grandma Hartter called him "Klem Suhs Herzly" (little sweetheart).

In school he was called "Little Earl," because he was small and there was another Earl in school who was taller and older.

Our cistern of rainwater was under the wash house the milk separator was also in this building. There was a little door on the floor over the cistern. One day Earl was walking across this door carrying a bucket with a little milk in it, the corner of the door went down, Earl's feet went down with it.

He caught himself just in time. This door was fixed as soon as possible so this wouldn't happen again.

In the fall when dad had lots of book work and adding to do, he would gather the boys around the table with paper and pencil. He gave them figures, they would add them, subtract or whatever, if they all got the same answer he took that for the correct answer. If someone got a different answer they had to do it over. I think he worked it too. Dad was good in math himself, but this was good training for the boys and something to do.

The boys all made birdhouses at different times, some as school projects. One that Earl made was a miniature Berwick Centre School.

It was put on a post by the rock flower garden and was there for many years.

Earl was usually quiet and conservative, thought things out for himself, and believed in giving his best. He helped with the farm work until at the age of 22 he was called into service on March 29 1942.

The 90th Infantry Division was activated at Camp Barkeley near Abilene Texas on March 2 1942. That summer the members of the Division began their training in preparation for deployment to the European Theater of Operations.

As a private Meyer was sent to Camp Barkeley on April 6, 1942 and was assigned to Company I 358th Infantry Regiment 90th Infantry Division (Texas Oklahoma) Third Army.

According to articles printed in The Sabetha Herald after his de[ath] soon after induction Meyer was promoted to corporal and in January 1943 was promoted to sergeant. Less than a year later he was promoted to staff sergeant. His infantry unit went on maneuvers in Louisiana in the first part of 1943 and returned to Camp

Column 2

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Column 3

north to assist capturing the port of Cherbourg, then turned back south towards the Carentan area.

Earl rejoined the action on July 17 and was killed in action on July 23 at Gonfreville, about five miles southwest of Carentan.

On Aug. 22, 1944, Meyer's parents received the following message, which was reprinted in the Oct. 25, 1944, issue of The Sabetha Herald:

"It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer, Infantry, who was killed in action on 23 July 1944 in France

"I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information available to give you

"Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means of transmission are limited

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you

"I extend to you my deepest sympathy Sincerely yours, JA Uho, Major General, The Adjutant General of the War Department"

Meyer's body was recovered and was buried in Monarch VII Corps Cemetery at Blosville, France, 20 miles north of St Lo

The Rev Theo Beer of Akron, Ohio, a cousin of Louis Meyer, conducted a memorial service on Oct 22. 1944, at the Apostolic Christian Church southeast of Bern

Meyer was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart

In April 1948 his remains were brought back to Sabetha for burial in the Sabetha Cemetery Graveside services were held May 1, 1948

In addition to his parents, Meyer was survived by five brothers, LeRoy, Velmer, Louis. [F]remond and Ezra Glenn, and five sisters, Mildred (Mrs Alvin) Strahm, Lena (Mrs Oscar) Strahm, Alberdine, Lenora and Rosalee, all of the local community

Currently. Velmer, Louis, [F]remond, Ezra Glenn and Lena of Sabetha and Alberdine of McPherson still survive Several of Meyer's cousins also served in the military during World War II, including Elgin Strahm who in July 1943 also made the supreme sacrifice

Sources The Sabetha Herald articles from 1944, Earl Meyer's family members, a 90th Infantry website and 2194 Days of War An Illustrated Chronology of the Second World War compiled by Cevare Salmaggi and Alfredo Pallavasini published by Wind ward New York and London

Sabetha Herald, 19 May 2004, page 28



Earl J Meyer

BIRTH 4 Jul 1919

DEATH 22 Jul 1944 (aged 25)

BURIAL [Sabetha Cemetery](#)
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA [Add to Map](#)

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Crawford Inventory

Today, I used the Experimental Search to look for documents with both the Crawford surname and the Duggins surname. My ancestor, James Crawford, had two step-sons: Henry Duggins and William Duggins. I was looking for documents in Virginia, Kentucky or Ohio containing the two surnames. While I had already viewed most of the results, I did find the inventory for James Crawford's estate. I doubt I would have uncovered this document without FamilySearch's experimental lab.

The following family members purchased items from the estate:

- Nelson G. Crawford – son
- Jacob Wikel – husband of granddaughter
- Jane Duggins — likely wife of Henry J. Duggins (daughter in law) but could have been a wife of a grandson
- Wm Duggins – likely stepson – but could have been a step grandson
- Henry J Duggins – step grandson
- Benjamin A. Duggins – step grandson

Preble County Ohio
Bills of Sale 1854-1857
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James Crawfords Estate T
he State of Ohio Preble County ss
Be it remembered that heretofore to wit : on
the 22d day of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty four Nelson
G. Crawford , Executor of the estate of James Crawford
deceased . filed in the office of the Probate Court
within and for the County of Preble aforesaid an
Inventory and Sale Bill of said estate closed
in the words and figures following to wit . The
State of Ohio Preble County ss –
We the undersigned appraisers of the property
and estate of James Crawford late of Preble County
deceased , do make solemn oath that we will
truly , honestly and impartially appraise the est
ate and property of the said deceased which may
be exhibited to us and that we will perform the
other duties required of us by law in the premises
according to the best of our Knowledge ability
Sworn to & subscribed before me | John Holderman
the 28th day of September 1852 | Jos L Campbell |
J. Stephens J. P. | Thoms F. Stevens

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 The undersigned appraisers of the property and
 Estate of James Crawford , decd after being duly
 sworn have made an Inventory and appraisment
 thereof as follows :

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 1 Grindstone .25
 1 lot of Shingles .30
 1 Kettle & Bale .80
 1 Large Pot .20
 2 Do Do .60
 1 Skillet , 2 side .10
 1 Garden Hoe .10

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2 Ho[u]s .25
 1 Mattock .30
 1 Wood saw .30
 1 Drill 1.00
 1 lot Tools .50
 3 Augers .30
 1 Drawing Knife & hand saw .25
 2 Iron Wedges .40
 1 pot tramel 2 Rings .20
 1 Meat tub .50
 1 Tub of Pickle paken .75
 1/2 Barl Vinegar 1.00
 1 Lard Keg & lard .25
 1/2 Barl Salt 1.40
 1 Keg dity lard 10 .10
 1 Barrel Churn & 1/2 Barrel .10
 1 Churne .20
 1 Sugar Cask Jug .25
 1 Big Wheel & little wheel .50
 1 Big Wheel & Rul 50 .50
 1 Copper Kettle 3.00
 1 Side Saddle 1.00
 1 Cook stove & pipe 3.00
 1 Bureau & 1 Clock & Case 2.00
 1 Table one Cupboard 2.25
 1 Lot Dishes & cooking ware 1.50
 10 Chairs 1 Jug 1.10
 1 [Jr] Sheep shears .25
 1 Two Horse plow 3.00
 1 one Horse plow .50
 2 Shovels .75
 1 Chair , one Axe , one Collar 1.40
 1 pr Double trees 1 single tree .50
 1 single tree & Stretcher .50

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1/2 Busel & 1 Basket .25

6 Bags
 1 Saddle & Bridle 1.00
 2 Shovels .40
 3 forks .40
 1 farming Mill 3.00
 1 Lot Boxes & Tub .75
 1 Tar Can .10
 2 set Harness 3.00
 22 Head [Geese] 2.00
 1 Horse 60.00
 1 Wagon 25.00
 2 Right old 15.00
 1 DO DO 25.00
 1 yearling heiffer 4.00
 1 Spring Calf 4.00
 14 Head Hogs 25.00
 1 lot Hay in Barn 6.00
 1 Stack Hay 7.50
 1 field Corn 5 acres 30.00
 1 Do Do 5 acres 40.00
 3[4] bus Rye 2.00
 Money on hand 72.31

\$359.51
 Given under our hands } John Holderman }
 this 29th day of Sep } Joseph L Campbell } Appraisers –
 tember 1854 } Thomas F Stevens }
 The State of Ohio Preble County SS
 Personally appeared before me , Nelson G Crawford
 Executor of the estate of James Crawford decd
 who being duly sworn says that the foregoing in
 ventory is in all respects just and true that it contain
 a true statement of all the estate , and property of the
 deceased , which has come to the knowledge of said
 Executor and particularly of all money bank

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 bills , or other circulating medium belonging to
 the deceased , and of all just claims of the decd
 against said Executory or other persons according
 to the best of his knowledge and futhrer saith not
 Nelson G. Crawford
 Sworn to & subscribed before me , this second day
 of September – John V Campbell , Probate Judge
 Sale Bill of said Estate
 A Bill of property sold by Nelson G. Crawford Executor
 of the estate of James Crawford decd
 at Public Vendue , September 30th 1854

one Clois Sull Samuel .66
 one Grindstone Jas Delimon .10
 one lot shingles Wm Duggins .10

one Kettle Henry J. Duggins 1.50
 one take & Wash board Benjamin Duggins .65
 2 cider Barrel Jacob Hincle .20
 one Skilled Handsaw DO DO .12
 one Garden Hoe 6 of White .8
 one pr Steelyard George Deteman .75
 2 hoes Jacob Wickle .65
 one Mattock Philip Miller .30
 one wood saw John Plum .15
 one Drill Christian Smith .65
 one lot tools C. J. White .55
 2 Wedges Hand saw Rings Wm Duggins .85
 4 Augers John Plain .15
 one pot tramel Joseph Shooman .20 .
 one meat tub Jacob Hinkle .10
 one lot meet & tub Do Do .62
 1/2 Bl Vinegar Henry J. Duggins 1.35
 1 Can of Lard Benjamin A Duggins .70
 1/2 Barl Salt Henry J. Duggins 2.

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James Crawford ' s Estate
 one keg lard Benjamin Duggins .40
 one Churn John Croun .10
 one Can & Sifter Jug Jacob Wikel .90
 2 Wheels & Sadle Wm Campbell .30
 one Wheel & Reel John Plum .20
 1 Copper Kettle Benjamin A Duggins 6.25
 1 Cook stove & pipe Jacob Hinell 1.50
 1 Clock and Case , Ruman Do DO .25
 one sable DO Do .30
 one Cubboard DO DO 2.50
 1 lot of Knives & forks Benjamin A Duggins 1.60
 1 Lot Dishes Do Do .90
 1 lot of [Cro]cks Jacob Hincle .30
 4 Do Crooks Do Do .50
 10 Chairs John Jefferson .38
 1 Butcher Knife Nelson G. Coffman .30
 1 pr Striped shoes Do Do Do .68
 1 Gouge Joseph Deteman .15
 1 Two Horse plow John [Caruse] 1.25
 1 one horse plow Samuel Duffield .15
 1 set double trees & Single tree George Deteman .55
 2 Shovels Do Do .55
 1 pr Stretchers Samuel Duffield .37
 1 Singletree George Deteman .12
 1 Chain & Collar Thomas Stephens .30
 1 Axe Joseph Shooman .95
 1/2of Busl & Basket Jacob Hinkle .52
 3 Jacks John P. Snyder .10

3 DO W. Duggins .45
 1 Saddle & Bridle John Jefferson 2.05
 2 Shovels Jos . Buckdale .25
 3 forks Jacob Wike .30
 1 Fanning Mill Do Do .25
 1 lot tubs & Boxes Benjamin A Duggin 1.00

37.95

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James Crawford ' s Estate
 one tar can Jacob Wincke .05
 2 set harnes George Diteman 4.60
 1 lot Hay in Barn Do DO 7.00
 22 Heads Geese John Jefferson 2.86
 3/4 Busels Rye Jos Buckdel 2.27
 one Horse Jacob Wike 67.50
 one Two Horse Wagon DO DO 25.00
 2 Pans Jane Duggins .15
 1 pair . Best chanes Jacob Wike .75
 1 Cow Reds old Thomas Stephens 8.25
 1 Do Do young C J. White 20.00
 1 Red Heiffer Thoms Stephens 4.00
 1 Rede Steer Philip Miller 5.40
 2 Hogs 1st Choice Jacob Hinkes 8.40
 2 DO 2d Choice Samuel Seilers 6.00
 3 DO 3d Choice Jacob Hinkle 3.05
 3 DO 4th DO David Longneck 3.65
 3 DO 5th DO DO Do 3.40
 2 DO 6th DO DO Do 1.00
 1 field Cord 5 acres C. J. White 39.50
 1 DO DO 5 DO Jacob Hinkle 22.00
 1 Hay Stack – George Determan 7.55
 Total – – 280.16

John Holderman Clerk of sale

The State of Ohio Preble County ss

Personally appeared , before me Nelson Crawford

Executor of the estate of James Crawford decd

who being duly sworn says that the foregoing

sale Bill is correct to the best of his Knowledge

and further saith not – Nelson G Crawford

Sworn to and subscribed before me , this 2d . of

October 1854 –

J V Campbell , Probate Judge

Ohio, Preble County. Inventories & Sale Bills. Film #1863175 DGS 5880606. James Crawford, 2 Oct 1854; pages 150-155; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> See <http://www.familysearch.org/>. : viewed online 24 June 2024.

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The State of this Public County for		
Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the 2 ^d day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four James Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford deceased filed in the office of the Probate Court within and for the County of Noble a certain an Inventory and Sale Bill of said estate closed in the words and figures following to wit: The State of this Public County for		
We the undersigned appraisers of the property and estate of James Crawford late of Noble County deceased do make solemn oath that we will truly honestly and impartially appraise the real and personal property of the said deceased according to the best of our knowledge and ability and that we will perform the duties required of us by law in the premises according to the best of our knowledge and ability done to-wit: before John H. Oldeman, Jr. on the 25 th day of September 1854 for J. Campbell, Appr.		
J. Stephens & P. H. Brown, Appraisers		
And so it is my duty as appraisers of said estate to make an inventory and appraisal of the property and estate of James Crawford deceased after being duly sworn have made an inventory and appraisal thereof as follows:		
1 Churn	25	
1 Grindstone	25	
1 lot of Shingles	31	
1 Kettle & Pot	38	
1 large Pot	20	
2 do do	60	
1 Kitchen sink	10	
1 Garden Hoe	18	
2 Flour	25	
1 Mallock	30	
1 Wood saw	30	
1 Mill	100	
1 lot Cords	50	
3 Sugsars	38	
1 Drawing Knife & hand saw	25	
3 Iron wedges	40	
1 pot & sand & 2 Rings	20	
1 Meat tub	50	
1 Tub & Kettle pan	75	
2 Bar Rings	100	
1 Cook & Lord	25	
2 Bar Saws	140	
1 Keg duty land	10	
1 Barrel Churn & 1 Barrel	10	
1 Churn	20	
1 Sugar Cask 5 gal	25	
1 Keg Whisk & Kettle white	20	
1 Keg Whisk & Pot	50	
1 Copper Kettle	300	
1 Side Saddle	100	
1 Cook stove & pipe	300	
1 Bureau & 1 chest & case	200	
1 Table one cupboard	225	
1 Set Dish & cooking ware	150	
1 Churn 1 jug	10	
1 ft Ship Shavers	25	
1 New Horse plow	300	
1 New Horse plow	50	
2 Shovel	75	
1 Chair one eye one collar	140	
1 ft Double tree 1 single tree	50	
1 single tree & Hitcher	20	

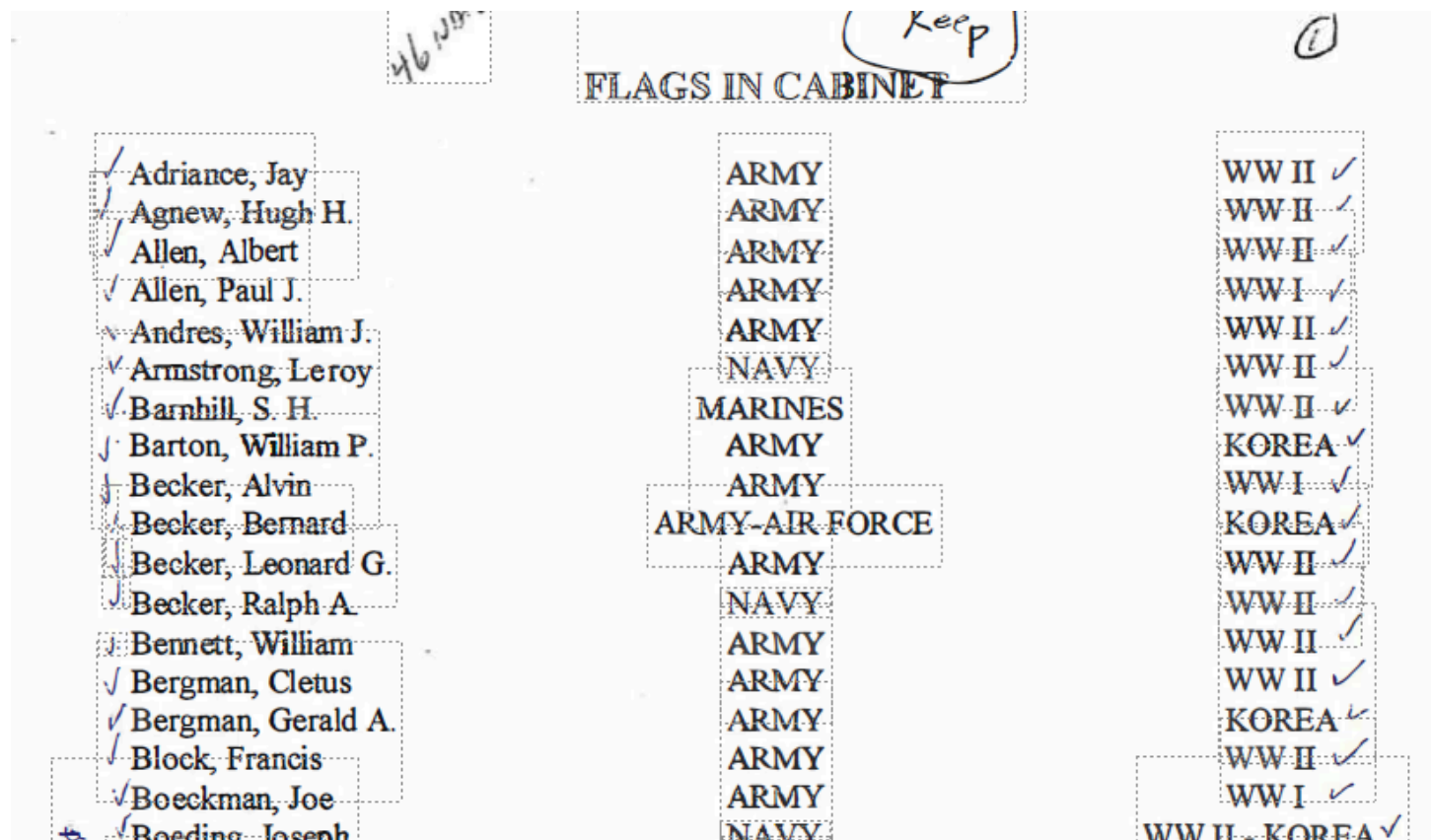
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bills or other circulating medium belonging to the deceased and of all just claims of the dec'd against said Executor or other persons according to the best of his knowledge and further indebtedness		
done to & submitted before me the second day of September		
John V. Campbell, Prob. Judge		
Sale Bill of said estate		
A Bill of property sold by Nelson G. Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford dec'd at Public Vendue September 25 th 1854		
one Clock	Samuel Lutz	6
one Grindstone	Jos. Oldeman	10
one lot Shingles	Wm. Suggins	10
one Kettle	Henry J. Suggins	150
one tub & meat board	Benjamin Suggins	65
2 side Barrels	Jacob Hinkle	20
one Kitchen Hand saw	do do	12
one Garden Hoe	C. J. White	8
one ft. Still yard	George E. Oldeman	75
2 Hoes	Jacob Hinkle	65
one Mallock	Philip Miller	30
one wood saw	John Flemer	15
one Stove	Christian Smith	65
one lot Cords	C. J. White	50
2 Wedges Hand saw Ring	Wm. Suggins	55
4 Sugsars	John Flemer	15
one pot & hand	Joseph Shornan	20
one Meat tub	Jacob Hinkle	10
one lot meat & tub	do do	62
2 Bar Rings	Henry J. Suggins	135
1 Bar & Lord	Benjamin & Suggins	70
2 Bar Saws	Henry J. Suggins	200
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one Keg Lead	Benjamin Duggins	11 75
one Chain	John Davidson	10
one Can & 1/2 tin Jug	Jacob Weikel	90
2 (Whisk) & saddle	Wm. Campbell	30
one Whisk & Bed	John Plomer	20
1 Copper Kettle	Benjamin Duggins	6 25
1 Cook Stove & pipes	Jacob Weikel	1 50
1 Clock on case, Roman	do do	25
one Saddle	do do	50
one Cut-purse	do do	2 50
1 set of Amos & fork	Benjamin Duggins	1 00
1 set of dishes	do do	70
1 set of Quarts	Jacob Weikel	5
do do do	do do	5
10 Chairs	John Jefferson	35
1 Butcher Knife	Adam G. Hoffmann	30
1 1/2 Sheep skins	do do do	65
1 Long	Joseph Selman	10
1 Two Horse plow	John Plomer	1 25
1 one horse plow	Samuel Duffield	15
1 set double line shafts	George Selman	55
2 Shovels	do do	55
1 1/2 Shovelers	Samuel Duffield	25
1 Shovelers	George Selman	12
1 Chain & collar	Thomas Stephens	30
1 Axe	Wm. Hoffman	15
4 Bush 1/2 Basket	Jacob Weikel	32
3 Sacks	John P. Snyder	15
3 do	do Duggins	45
1 Saddle & Buckle	John Jefferson	2 05
3 Shovels	Joe Buckle	35
3 Forks	Jacob Weikel	30
1 Hammer Nail	do do	25
1 set tub & Pops	Benjamin Duggins	1 00
		37 75
James Crawford's Estate		155
one Torcan	Jacob Weikel	39 55
2 set Hames	George Selman	4 60
1 set Hay in Barn	do do	7 00
22 Head Goose	John Jefferson	3 50
34 Bush Rice	Joe Buckle	3 25
one Horse	Jacob Weikel	67 50
one Two Horse wagon	do do	25 00
2 Pans	John Duggins	15
1 four Bar chains	Jacob Weikel	75
1 four Bar chain	Thomas Stephens	8 25
1 do do Garry	do do	20 00
1 Bed Stuffer	Thomas Stephens	4 00
1 Bed Stuffer	Philip Miller	5 00
3 Hogs 1/2 chine	Jacob Weikel	8 00
2 do 1/2 chine	Samuel Selman	6 00
2 do 3/4 chine	Jacob Weikel	3 05
3 do 1/2 do	Samuel Longmire	3 05
3 do 5/8 do	do do	3 40
2 do 6/8 do	do do	1 00
1 full Cow 3 years	do do	39 50
1 do do 5 do	Jacob Weikel	32 00
1 Hay Stack	George Selman	7 55
	Total	280 75
John Holdeman Clerk of said		
the State of Ohio Public County of		
Personally appeared before me, Adam G. Hoffmann,		
Executor of the Estate of James Crawford decd.,		
who being duly sworn, says that the foregoing		
Bill is correct to the best of his knowledge		
and further saith not.		
Witness my hand and seal, this 24th of		
October 1854.		
I. V. Campbell, Notary Public		

Sider for the Win

Have you ever been asked to convert a paper document to a computer file? When I was recently asked if I could do such a task, I was hoping that AI or OCR would be able to accomplish this task.

After scanning the document, my first attempt was to use OCR recognition in the PDF document. Unfortunately, that created multiple text boxes, making it difficult to copy/paste the text into a spreadsheet.



I then tried using ChatGPT to transcribe a screenshot of the page.

✓ Cair, Harry	ARMY	KOREA ✓
✓ Chera, Joe	NAVY	WW II ✓
✓ Chow, Erwin J.	ARMY	KOREA ✓
✓ Conley, Glen Sr.	ARMY	WW I ✓
✓ Conley, Kenneth N.	ARMY	KOREA ✓
✓ Conley, Robert	NAVY	KOREA ✓
✓ Conley, William C.	ARMY	WW I ✓
✓ Cook, Loren Dale	ARMY - AIR FORCE	WW II ✓
✓ Countryman, James W.	ARMY	CIVIL WAR ✓
✓ Cunningham, Bob	NAVY	WW II ✓
✓ Cunningham, Ed	ARMY	WW II ✓

Can you convert the image into a table with name, branch and war as the columns?



Veterans List				Now interactive!
	Name	Branch	War	
1	Y Adriance, Jay ARMY	wwit	,	
2	Agnew, Hugh H. ARMY	wwit	"	
3	Allen, Albert	ARMY	wwil	

While Chat GPT was able to pull the information, it failed at putting it in the columns.

I then tried the Chrome [Sider](https://sider.ai/) extension. Again, I asked it to extract the text into a table with columns for name, branch and war. I told Sider there should be three columns while I did not give ChatGPT that detail.

You

Extract the text into a table with three columns: name, branch and war

✓ Adriance, Jay	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Agnew, Hugh H.	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Allen, Albert	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Allen, Paul J.	ARMY	WW I ✓
✓ Andres, William J.	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Armstrong, Leroy	NAVY	WW II ✓
✓ Barnhill, S. H.	MARINES	WW II ✓
✓ Barlow, William P.	ARMY	KOREA ✓
✓ Becker, Alvin	ARMY	WW I ✓
✓ Becker, Bernard	ARMY-AIR FORCE	KOREA ✓
✓ Becker, Leonard G.	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Becker, Ralph A.	NAVY	WW II ✓
✓ Bennett, William	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Bergman, Cletus	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Bergman, Gerald A.	ARMY	KOREA ✓
✓ Block, Francis	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Boedema, Joe	ARMY	WW I ✓
✓ Boeding, Joseph	NAVY	WW II - KOREA ✓
✓ Boeding, Paul	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Boeding, Sally	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Boeding, Stitt	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Boeding, Victor A.	NAVY	WW II ✓
✓ Brower, Dick	ARMY	WW II ✓
✓ Brundage, Thelma W.		

And sider pulled the information and created the three column table!



Sider Fusion

name	branch	war
Adriance, Jay	ARMY	WW II
Agnew, Hugh H.	ARMY	WW II
Allen, Albert	ARMY	WW II

Thanks to SIDER, I was able to easily pull the text from the document and paste it into an Excel spreadsheet.

	A	B	C
1	Name	Branch	War
2	Adriance, Jay	ARMY	WW II
3	Agnew, Hugh H.	ARMY	WW II
4	Allen, Albert	ARMY	WW II
5	Allen, Paul J.	ARMY	WW I
6	Andres, William J.	ARMY	WW II
7	Armstrong, Leroy	NAVY	WW II
8	Barnhill, S. H.	MARINES	WW II
9	Barton, William P.	ARMY	KOREA
10	Becker, Alvin	ARMY	WW I
11	Becker, Bernard	ARMY-AIR FORCE	KOREA

While Sider had some difficulty with the spelling of the names in the handwritten text at the end of the document, it was able to also create the table.

BRITT LISH	ARMY	WW 11
Buser George I	ARMY	WW 11
Feld Kay Earnest P	ARMY	2378 1901 1911
Hery pal R	ARMY	WW 11
Gerber Clarence	ARMY	Korea
Durges Charles J-R	NAVY	WW 11
Koups John H	ARMY	WW 11
OHLSO F Wm	ARMY	WW 11
MITCHELL Harold	ARMY	Korea
Stall Barn Kenneth	USAF	1946-1946
Wend R		



Sider Fusion

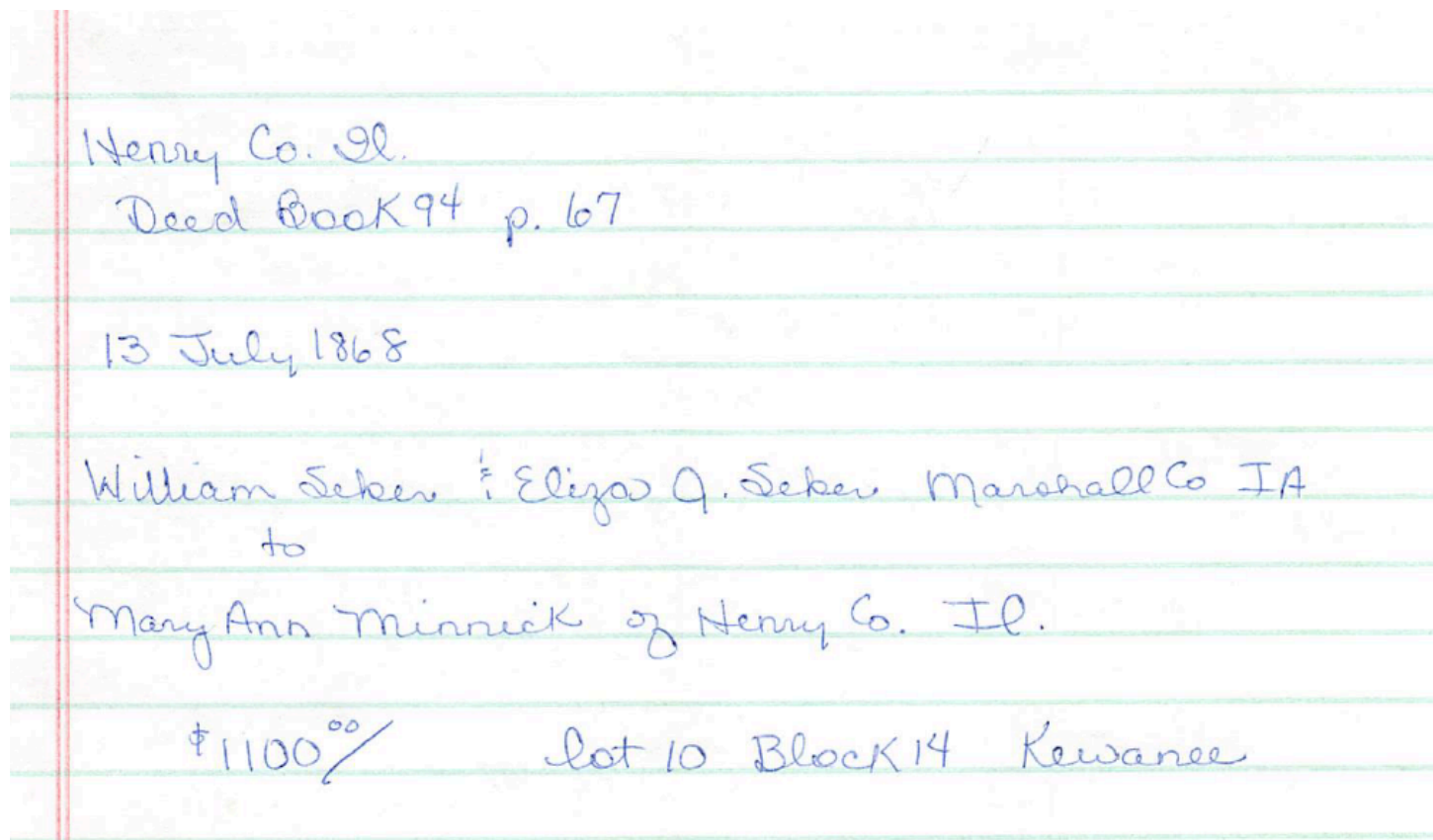
Name	Branch	War
Britt Lish	Army	WW 1
Buser George I	Army	WW 1
Feld Kay Earnest P	Army	WW 1
Hery pal R	Army	Korea

THANK YOU Sider for making this a relatively easy task!

Friday Find

Mary Minnick Deed

Do you have notes in your files to document an event that are very brief? As I'm going thru my MINNICK folder, I have such a note about an 1868 deed between William Seber and Mary Ann Minnick.



Fortunately, there is enough information in this note to locate the original record on the FamilySearch site.

Henry County Illinois
Deed Record

Deed Record 94 Deeds May 1868-February 1869
Film 1255591 DGS008566961 Item 4

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Revenue Stamps
to the amount of
1.50
on this deed

This Indenture, Made this and Thirteenth day of July
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight between
William Seber and Eliza J Seber his wife of the County Marshall
and State of Illinois -- of the first part , and

Mary Ann Minnick of the County of Henry and State aforesaid
 of the second part ,
 WITNESSETH , That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One
 Thousand one hundred
 Dollars

in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged , have
 party GRANTED of , BARGAINED AND SOLD , and by
 these presents do GRANT , BARGAIN AND SELL , unto the said party of the second part ,
 her heirs and assigns , all the following described
 lot piece or parcel of land , situated in the Town of Kewanee in the County of Henry
 and State of Illinois, to wit :
 Lot number ten (10) in Block number Fourteen (14) in the original Town of
 Kewanee

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in
 anywise appertaining , and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents
 issues and profits thereof; and all the estate right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, of the
 said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained
 premises , with the hereditaments and appurtenances . To Have And TO Hold the said premises
 above bargained and described, with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part
 her heirs and assigns Forever. And the said party of the
 first part hereby expressly waive release and relinquish unto the said party of the second part ____
 heirs first executors part administrators and assigns , all rights, title, claim interest
 and benefit whatever in and to the above described premises , and each and every part thereof
 which is given by or results from all laws of this State pertaining to the exemption of homesteads
 And the said William Lever Seber and Eliza P Seber his wife party of the first part for
 their heirs , executors and administrators , do covenant grant bargain and agree to and with
 the said party of the second part her
 heirs and assigns , that at the time of the the ensealing and delivery of these presents they are well
 seized of the premises above conveyed , as of a good , sure , perfect ,
 absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in law , and in fee simple , and have good right , full
 power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form
 aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants , bargains , sales ,
 liens , taxes , assessments and encumbrances , of what kind or nature soever , and the above bar
 gained premises , in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part her heirs
 and assigns against all and every person party or of persons lawfully claiming or
 to claim the whole or any part thereof, , the said party of the first part shall and will WARRENT
 AND FOREVER DEFEND .

IN Testimony Whereof, The party said of parties of the first part set their ____ hands and seals the
 day and year first above written

Wm Seber (Seal)

E J Seber (Seal)

SIGNED , SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

STATE OF ILLINOIS ,
 Marshall _ COUNTY .

Thomas A McMorris Clerk of the County Court a
 in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, to hereby certify that
 William Seber and Eliza J Seber

personally known to me as the same persons whose names subscribed to the
 annexed Deed, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed
 and delivered the said instrument in writing
 as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.
 And the said Eliza J Seber

Saturday Tidbits

Today's collection of military news comes from page 1 of the 24 Feb 1941 issue of the [Courier Tribune](https://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&by=1941&bdd=1940&bm=2&bd=20&d=02201941-02201941&fn=courier_tribune_usa_kansas_seneca_19410224_english_1&df=1&dt=10). See https://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&by=1941&bdd=1940&bm=2&bd=20&d=02201941-02201941&fn=courier_tribune_usa_kansas_seneca_19410224_english_1&df=1&dt=10. in Seneca, Kansas. The Sider: ChatGPT sidebar was used to transcribe most of the articles.

ONE YEAR TO UNCLE SAM SELECTEES ENTRAIN

Fourteen Nemaha County Boys Went to Leavenworth This Morning.

It is not permissible to fly the national colors after sundown but it is within the code to place the banner at the head of a parade of marching young men, who beginning today, are giving one year (if not more) of their lives to the defense of the U. S. A.

And what could be more fitting than to have soldiers of the First World War to carry the Stars and Stripes in a send-off to their comrades of the second crisis within the same generation?

Entrainment of Nemaha county's second contingent (the first was one man, Arthur R. Hartter, Sabetha, in January) took place at an unearthly hour: 2:00 a. m. today. The air was filled with a flurry of snow but

the waiting room was filled with kinfolk and well-wishers.

As the train chuffed into the station, there were fond embraces which recalled the days of '17. There were tears, too, for women's hearts are fearful of the lowering clouds of war.

Earle W. Taylor post was host to the Boys of '41 all during the evening and the Legion club was at their disposal. Here Mrs. Nellie Levick and Mrs. Pete Bieri served coffee and sandwiches, supplied by the Legion. At least 75 were served. Two Bern Legionnaires, Andy Strahm and "Shorty" Allen, were here.

Draft Board Chairman Bert Stratton gave each recruit a box lunch at the station. Almost the last day, the draft board had a request from Rob't G. Wilson, Curtis candy salesman, for a transfer to a Washington, D. C. contingent. This made it necessary for Bert to go to the home of Homer L. Turner, Oneida, and notify him he was eligible to go. Turner could have taken five days more at home but chose to go with the rest of the boys.

The contingent, in charge of Bob Adriance, was composed of Vernet H. Randel, Corning; Herman J. Engel, Wetmore; Gerald J. Wempe, Seneca; Lloyd W. Frederickson, Corning; Edward J. Vogel, Bern; Cyril F. Olberding, Baileyville; Wm. J. Flaherty, Havensville; Elmer W. Allen, Corning; Wm. K. Rucker, Wetmore; Francis J. Block, Seneca; Leonard Talley, Centralia; Clarence R. Hazlett, Onaga; Homer L. Turner, Oneida, and Rob't. G. Adriance, Seneca.

He Will Be Assigned To Defense School

What seems a highly laudable WPA plan is to take men with previous experience in skilled trades and give them a "refresher" course, so that they can qualify for employment in private defense industry.

Ten persons were interviewed in this county recently 'by state

WPA workers. Four were selected as possible subjects. They were former machinists and welders. Each was required to show

what he can do his trade in an examination.—Chosen—first of the four was Earl Ross, Wetmore machinist, who will be assigned to a school in Kansas City for three months, his wage paid at WPA

scale. At the end of the three months, with the demand for machinists, Ross should have regular employment.

F. B. I. Takes Takes A Hand

And Ben P. Kruetzman Files Questionnaire

Ben P. Kruetzman, 30, single, three miles southwest of Baileyville, filled his questionnaire under the selective service act late Friday but not until he was brought to Seneca by Agent Duffy, representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Kruetzman was the only holdout of all the drafted men. The draft board sent him notice from time to time and supplied him with a list of names of persons who would help him fill out his questionnaire. To no avail. Kruetzman did not reply. His name was reported to the U. S. District Attorney.

Duffy told Draft Board Chairman Bert Stratton he didn't know how to fill out the paper so just disregarded it.

Duffy called District Attorney Alexander who said he did not believe it worth while to prosecute. Kruetzman, it appears, was in the army beginning Jan. 30, 1939, but was discharged May 9th of the same year. A K. U. student drew two years for failure to register.

Marvin Funk Gets U.S. Army Commission

Marvin Funk, lawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jame Funk, Seneca, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. army and will report for duty March 4th at Ft. Huachuca, in east central Arizona.

Marvin is now an employee in the railroad claims division of government service. He goes first to El Paso, Texas. His job will be held for him while he is on military duty.

**ONE YEAR TO
UNCLE SAM**

SELECTEES ENTRAIN

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This Morning.**

It is not permissible to fly the national colors after sundown but this within the code to place the banner at the head of a parade of marching young men, who beginning today, are giving one year (if not more) of their lives to the defense of the U. S. A.

And what could be more fitting than to have soldiers of the First World War to carry the Stars and Stripes in a send-off to their conscription of the second crisis within the same generation?

Entrainment of Nemaha county's second contingent (the first was one man, Arthur E. Hartman-Jakobke, in January) took place at an unearthly hour: 2:00 a. m. today. The air was filled with a flurry of snow but the waiting room was filled with kinfolk and well-wishers.

As the train chuffed into the station, there were fond embraces which recalled the days of '17. There were tears, too, for women's hearts are fearful of the lowering clouds of war.

Earle W. Taylor, host was host to the Boys of '41 all during the evening and the Legion club was at their disposal. Here Mrs. Nell, Lerick and Mrs. Pat, Bieri served coffee and sandwiches, supplied by the Legion. At hand, '15 were served. Two Bern Legionnaires, Andy Strahn and "Bhorst" Allen, were here.

Draft Board Chairman Bert Stratton gave each recruit a box lunch at the station. Almost the last day, the draft board had a request from Rob't G. Wison, Corbin candy salesman, for a transfer to a Washington, D. C. contingent. This made it necessary for Bert to go to the home of Homer L. Turner, Oneida, and notify him he was eligible to go. Turner could have taken five days leave at home but chose to go with the rest of the boys.

The contingent, in charge of Bob Adriance, was composed of: Vernon H. Randle, Corning; Herman J. Engel, Wetmore; Gerald J. Wempe, Seneca; Lloyd W. Fredericksen, Corning; Edward J. Vogel, Bern; Cyril F. Oberding, Baileyville; Wm. J. Flaherty, Haverhill; Elmer W. Allen, Corning; Wm. K. Rucker, Wetmore; Francis J. Block, Seneca; Leonard Valley, Centralia; Clarence E. Hallett, Onaga; Reginald L. Turner, Oneida, and Rob't G. Adriance, Seneca.

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you collect maps of the places that you have ancestors or family? I do! I love maps.

Over the years I have purchased maps. Some of my favorite purchases have either been plat books or photocopies of pages from a plat book. I love these maps because they show the owners of the land. Since many plat books are now available online, I tend not to collect them any more.

However, I do have three FAVORITE maps. Two of these are web sites and the third is hanging on my wall.

Map of US

I love [mapofus.org](https://www.mapofus.org/) See <https://www.mapofus.org/>. because it helps me figure out the evolution of the county boundaries. This helps me know that I have to research several counties even though the families may have been neighbors in a county based on today's boundaries. My Crawford research is a perfect example of this.

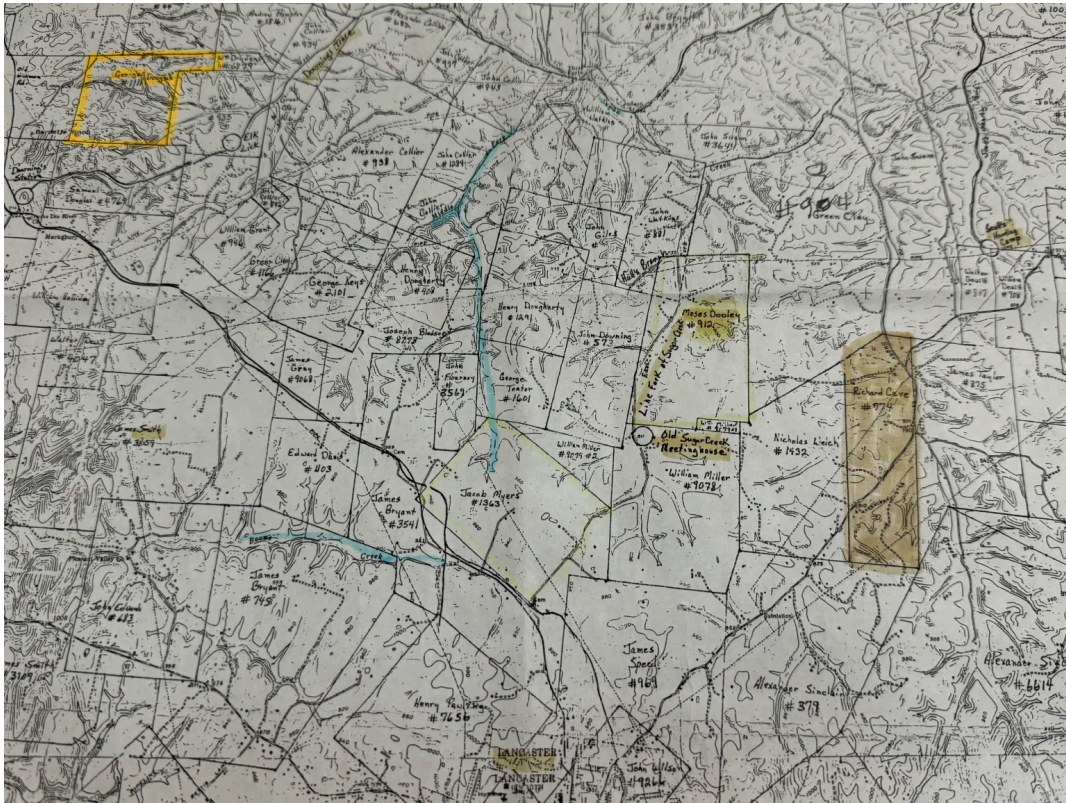
- James Crawford (Sally Smith Duggins) – my ancestor – married in Garrard County KY in 1799
- James Crawford (Martha Knight)- neighbor to my ancestor over time – married in Lincoln County KY in 1792 even though he likely was living in Garrard County, KY in 1799
- James Crawford (Rebecca Anderson Maxwell) – likely uncle James (Martha) – purchased land in Madison County but that land was in Garrard county when it was sold.

First Landowners Project (\$) (www.historygeo.com See <https://www.historygeo.com/>.)

This is one of my 'go-to' websites when researching a family. It allows me to search public domain land records to see if the family was one of the first land owners in an area. When I'm fortunate to find a family identified, I can also see who their neighbors were. I also use this site to figure out where a parcel of land is in relation to cities, towns and roads based on the range township information.

Garrard County, KY landowners

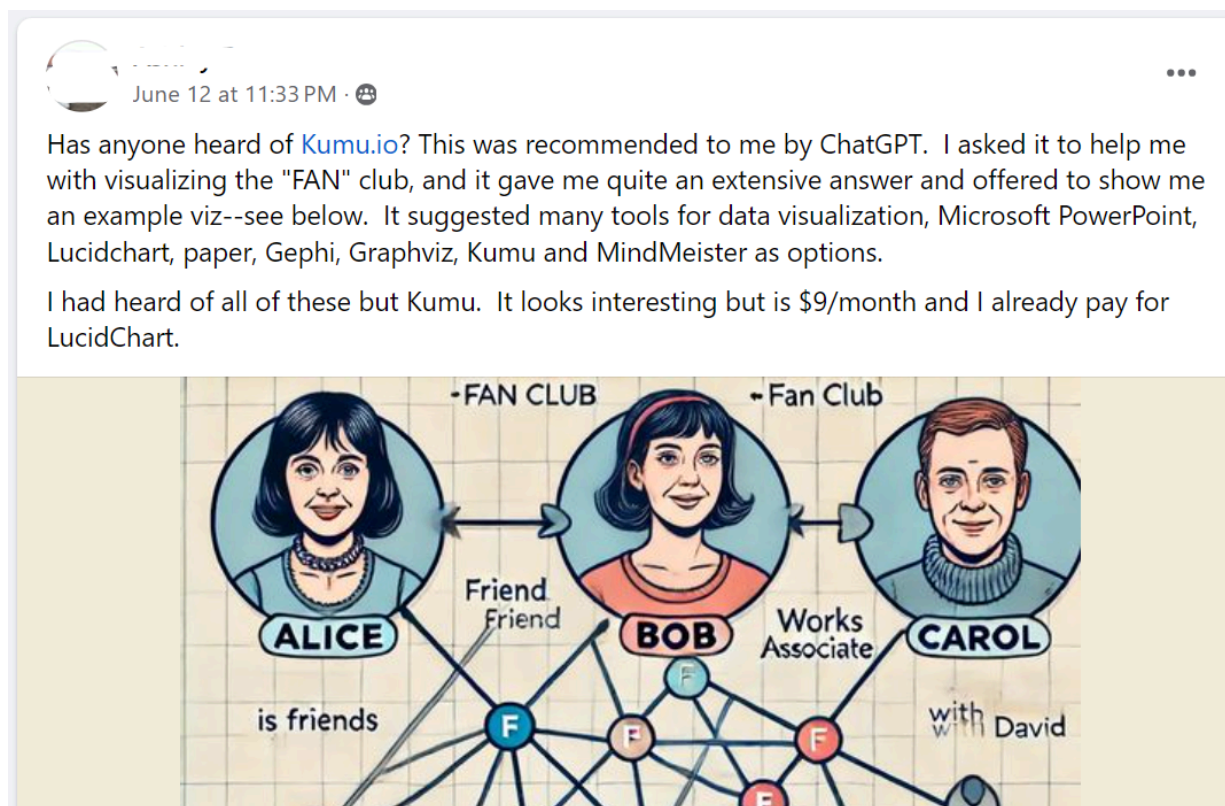
My favorite map was created by Fred Simpson in 1992 from the early Virginia land surveys. This map shows the original land owners drawn on a topographical map.



AI Fan Club

Have you used any AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools? Do you have a FAN CLUB for a brick wall? Have you ever thought about diagramming your Fan Club and the relationships?

I do have a Fan Club for my Crawford research but had not thought about trying to diagram the relationships. Then I saw a post on the Genealogy and AI Facebook group discussing various tools.



Since mid-June I've been thinking about creating a diagram. While I might be able to verbalize the various relationships, I've struggled to diagram them. So, I decided to start with a spreadsheet. Using the information in my RootsMagic file, I pulled events for various members of my Fan Club to create a 'time line'.

1	Year	Place	RIN	Surname	Given Name	Event
38	1799	Garrard County KY	219	Crawford	James	married 1441 Sarah Smith
39	1799	Garrard County KY	1441	Smith	Sarah	Married 219 James Crawford
40	1800	Garrard County KY	5228	Sellers	William	resident
41	1800	Garrard County KY	13256	Adams	Feathergill	tax list
42	1803	Garrard County KY	13256	Adams	Feathergill	purchase land on Sugar Creek
43	1804	Garrard County KY	1	Crawford	James	Land sold on headwaters Sugar Creek
44	1804	Garrard County KY	168	Douglas	Rebekah	Land sold on headwaters Sugar Creek
45	1810	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	resident
46	1812	Garrard County KY	1443	Crawford	James	sold land on Paint Lick Creek
47	1820	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	resident
48	1827	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	death
49	1793	Green County KY	13295	Dooley	Moses	Land entry
50	1798	Green County KY	13312	Dooley	Reuben	land entry
51	1811	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	resident
52	1814	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	purchase land in Indiana
53	1820	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	resident
54	1836	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	death
55	1786	Lincoln County KY	168	Douglas	Rebekah	Land Purchase - headwaters Sugar Creek

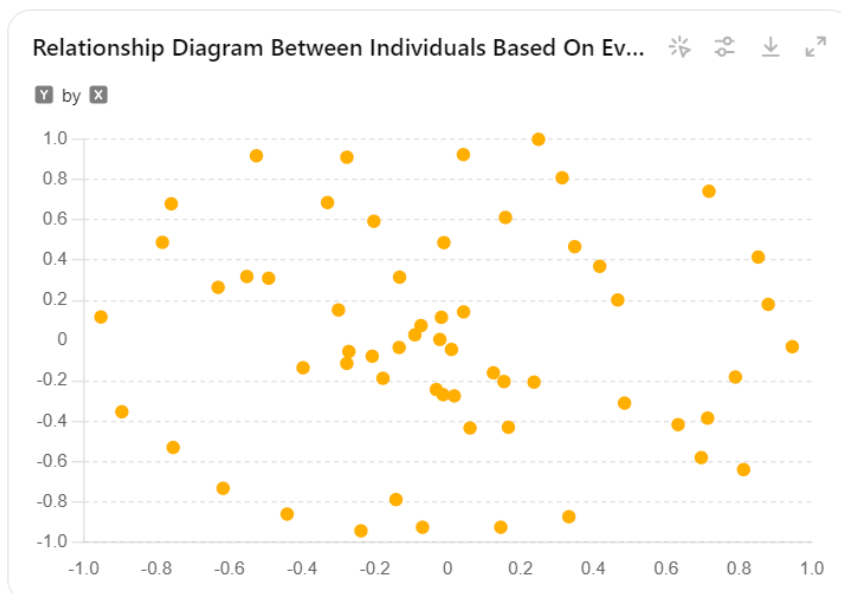
Then I asked ChatGPT to take my spreadsheet and create a diagram.

Fan Club Timeline Sheet1

	Year	Place	RIN	Surname
1	1770	Virginia	1	Crawford
2	1791	Lincoln County KY	1	Crawford
3	1793	Lincoln County KY	1	Crawford

In the attached spreadsheet, the RIN represents a unique individual. Please diagram the relationship between individuals based on events and places

And it gave me back what looked like a ‘scatter plot’ with orange and yellow dots.



Here is the relationship diagram based on the individuals, events, and places from your spreadsheet. The nodes represent individuals and places, while the edges illustrate the relationships between them based on events. If you need any further [analysis](#) or specific details highlighted, please let me know! [\[>\]](#)

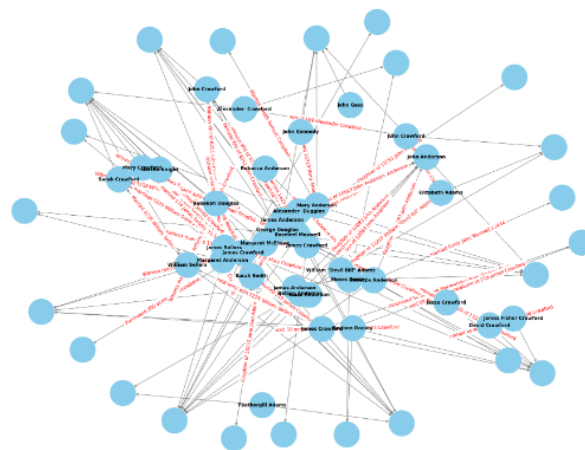
In hopes of getting those dots labeled, I asked for it to identify the nodes. And ChatGPT kept giving me 'updated' diagrams with those orange and yellow dots. Then, I just happened to click on the icon to 'Switch to static chart'



That simple click changed my diagram from the orange and yellow dots to a diagram with names and connecting information.

[Switch to interactive chart](#)


Relationship Diagram Between Individuals Based On Ev...



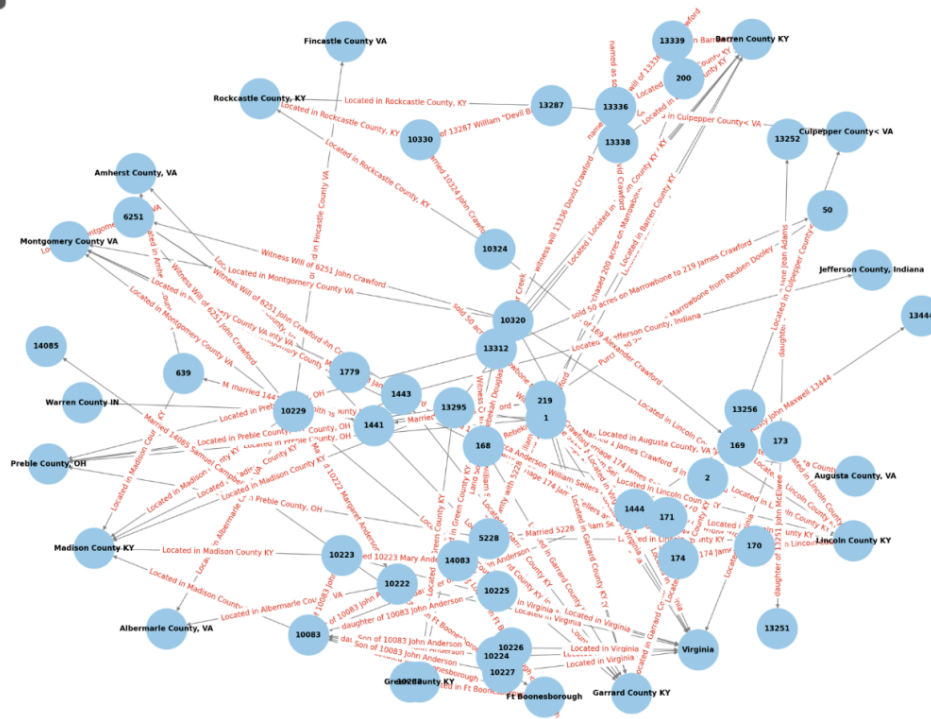
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Working with this diagram, I asked ChatGPT to

- Label the nodes with individuals and places
- change the node labels to RINs for individuals and names for places
- show more detailed events
- Generate a more complex diagram

And it produced the following diagram using the RIN numbers for the individuals.

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AI Children's Story

Have you seen the meme's about children's books being written by AI versus real authors? Curious about what AI (namely ChatGPT) would do when asked to write a story, I provided the text from one of my Purple Heart blogs and asked it to write a children's story.

Because I have been working with a family as they donate items to the Nemaha County Historical Society, I decided to use their cousin, Earnest Swart, for this trial.

Write a children's story using the following information: The Oakley Graphic (Oakley, KS)

28 Feb 1941

Ernest Swart was one of the Gove County men who left Monday night for military training camp.

Grinnell Record Leader (Grinnell, KS)

16 Oct 1941

Our local draftees, who left almost a year ago to do their part for National Defense, are home on a furlough from Camp Robinson, Ark. Ernest Swart and Robert Hilb[h]eb are two of our draftees home looking just perfectly handsome in their army u

While the results are somewhat fictionalized, this might be a way to share these stories of World War II veterans with children. Below is the children's story as composed by ChatGPT.

Ernest Swart: A Hero's Journey

Once upon a time in the small town of Oakley, Kansas, there lived a brave young man named Ernest Swart. Ernest was known for his kind heart and adventurous spirit. His journey began in February 1941, when he, along with other young men from Gove County, left home to serve in the military.

Ernest's first stop was at Camp Robinson in Arkansas, where he trained diligently and soon earned medals for his hard work. Ernest's dedication showed that he aimed to rise above the rank of buck private, and his efforts did not go unnoticed.

During his training, Ernest had the chance to come home on a furlough in October 1941. He and his friend Robert Hilbeb looked handsome in their army uniforms, proudly showing their medals to friends and family. It was a joyful reunion, filled with stories of their adventures and dreams for the future.

Christmas of 1941 found Ernest at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended motor maintenance school, honing his skills further. His grandmother, Mrs. George Gilkerson, shared the joy of his accomplishments with her family and friends, cherishing every letter and update from Ernest.

In January 1943, Ernest took a significant step in his military career by joining the U.S. Army Air Forces. He trained at various locations, including Santa Ana, California, and eventually became a Cadet Lieutenant. Ernest's letters home were filled with excitement about his flying lessons and the progress he was making. He even shared details about the wonderful orchestra that played for them, including members from famous bands like Glenn Miller's and Tommy Dorsey's.

By May 1944, Ernest had become a pilot on a B-24 Liberator. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Swart, visited him in California before he was scheduled to go overseas. His sister, Captain Dorothy Swart, serving with the WACs in England, sent her support and love through cables and letters.

Ernest's journey took him to India, where the weather reminded him of western Kansas in 1935. He bravely flew missions over the dangerous terrain of the Himalayas, known as "the Hump." His letters home described the challenges and triumphs of these missions, always filled with hope and determination.

Tragically, on January 18, 1945, Ernest went missing in action during a mission over China. The news was a heavy blow to his family and the entire community. Later, it was confirmed that he had been killed in action, a hero who had given his life for his country.

Ernest's bravery and dedication were honored with several posthumous awards, including the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. These awards were a testament to his gallantry and extraordinary achievements in aerial combat.

Ernest Swart's story is one of courage, dedication, and love for his country. Though he is no longer with us, his memory lives on in the hearts of his family and the community of Oakley. He will always be remembered as a hero who gave everything for the freedom and safety of others.

To take this one step further, I tried ElevenLabs' Natural Reader to convert the story to audio. [Click here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iL49C_Ki0kRtpcHuZOmKRaQMNIzQmOvL/view?usp=sharing) See https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iL49C_Ki0kRtpcHuZOmKRaQMNIzQmOvL/view?usp=sharing to listen.

Defense Schools

In your historical or genealogical research during the 1930s or 1940s, have you ever heard of ‘Defense Schools’? I was aware of WPA (Works Progress Administration) and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) programs, but I had not heard of ‘defense schools’. While researching a World War II Purple Heart recipient, I came across a local newspaper article discussing the Sabetha, Kansas, defense school in 1941.

Since the article indicated that this was a federally funded program, I tried to learn more. However a Google search was not of much help, so I tried the free AI tool, [Perplexity](https://www.perplexity.ai/) See <https://www.perplexity.ai/>.

Perplexity Prompt: What can you tell me about the federal program from the 1930s and 1940s to establish defense schools?

Answer

During the 1930s and early 1940s, there was no specific federal program dedicated to establishing “defense schools” in the United States. However, there were some educational initiatives and programs that had connections to national defense during this period:

1. The National Defense Education Act (NDEA) of 1958, while outside the timeframe you mentioned, was a significant federal initiative that came later in response to the launch of Sputnik. It provided funding for math, science, and foreign language education to improve national defense capabilities[3].

2. In the early 1940s, amendments to the Lanham Act of 1940 provided temporary “impact aid” to school districts that hosted federal defense facilities. This was a federal subsidy program to support education in areas affected by defense-related activities[2].

3. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, there was a shift in focus towards defense-oriented training in some existing programs. For example:

- The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), while not primarily an educational program, began incorporating defense-oriented training for its participants. With the passage of the National Defense Vocational Training Act of 1941, CCC enrollees started participating in defense-oriented training[4].

- By 1940, an increasing number of CCC projects were directed towards developing infrastructure for military training facilities and forest protection[4].

4. The federal government did provide some limited support for higher education during this period, particularly in areas related to national defense. For instance, in the late 1940s, lawmakers supported research grants and graduate student fellowships to study science and medicine[3].

It’s important to note that during the 1930s and early 1940s, education was still primarily the responsibility of state and local governments. The federal government’s role in education was limited, and there was no comprehensive federal program specifically for establishing defense schools. The more significant federal involvement in education, particularly related to national defense, came later in the 1950s with programs like the National Defense Education Act[1][3].

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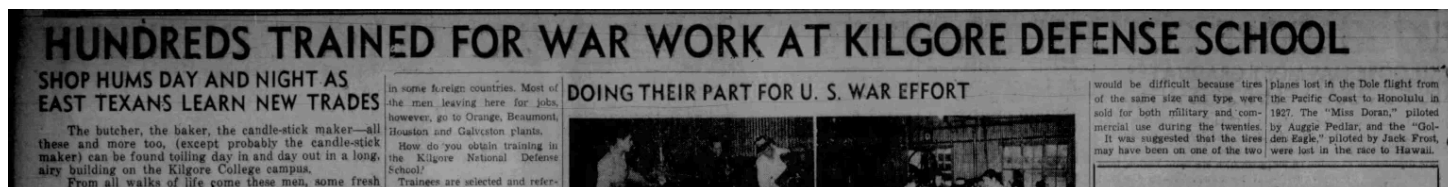
[2] <https://www.downsizinggovernment.org/education/timeline-growth>

[3] <https://www.aaup.org/article/american-higher-education%E2%80%99s-past-was-gilded-not-golden>

[4] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civilian_Conservation_Corps

[5] <https://livingnewdeal.org/history-of-the-new-deal/programs/>

Dissatisfied with Perplexity's answer, I did a search on Newspapers.com for 'Defense School' and found a wealth of articles from across the country.



The Kilgore News Herald (Kilgore, Texas) Sun, May 17, 1942 ·Page 20

Here's How Defense School Is Turning Out Workers To Help Fill Gaps in War Effort

The Amarillo Globe-Times (Amarillo, Texas) Thu, Jul 10, 1941 ·Page 1

Pottsville Defense School Has Placed 35 Men in Jobs

Thirty-five young men of Potts-

Pottsville Republican (Pottsville, Pennsylvania) Sat, Feb 22, 1941 ·Page 6

91 Defense School Graduates Earn \$115,000 In Industry

Port Chester Leads County In Job Placements;
School Meeting Industrial Needs

The Daily Item (Port Chester, New York) Thu, Aug 07, 1941 ·Page 1

Having established that the term ‘defense school’ was widely used in 1941, and that the federal government supported these schools, I returned to Perplexity to see what else I could learn.

Prompt: What federal program paid for the cost of equipment and instructors to operate ‘defense schools’ in 1941.

Answer:

Based on the search results provided, there is no specific mention of a federal program in 1941 that paid for the cost of equipment and instructors to operate ‘defense schools’. However, the search results do provide some relevant context about federal involvement in education during that time period:

1. In 1941, the Lanham Act was passed, which provided federal support to communities affected by military and federal installations[1]. This act eased the burden on these communities by making payments to school districts, though it did not specifically establish ‘defense schools’.
2. The U.S. Office of Education was involved in education-related activities during World War II. In 1941, they published a document titled “Defense Program and School Plants”[3][4]. While this doesn’t directly indicate a program funding defense schools, it suggests the federal government was considering the impact of defense needs on education.
3. The concept of federal involvement in education for defense purposes became more prominent later, particularly after the launch of Sputnik in 1957. This led to the passage of the National Defense Education Act in 1958, which provided federal funding for education, especially in science, mathematics, and foreign languages[5].

It’s important to note that prior to World War II, federal involvement in education was limited. The search results indicate that significant federal education initiatives mostly emerged during and after World War II[1].

If there was a specific program in 1941 funding ‘defense schools’, it’s not mentioned in the provided search results. To find more precise information about such a program, if it existed, would require additional research focusing specifically on education initiatives in 1941 related to national defense.

Citations:

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[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schools_at_War

[3] <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1168616>

[4] [https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?](https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?doi=22d894c1956672e9e5e1ea05e0db554f62f936ac&repid=rep1&type=pdf)

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https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Sputnik_Spurs_Passage_of_National_Defense_Education_Act.htm

When I followed the citation link to the JSTOR document, I found the article, “[The Lanham Act](https://www.jstor.org/stable/3659219)”See <https://www.jstor.org/stable/3659219>. by Harry W. Porter which was published in the History of Education Journal in 1951. Since I don’t have access to JSTOR, I can’t read the actual article. However, it likely provides background information on defense schools.

This is a preview. [Log in through your library.](#)

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Thanks to the following article published in The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, Kansas) on 19 Nov 1941, I have learned about the national training program referred to as ‘defense schools’.

Defense School Hums

Boys Learn All About Motor Cars In New Sabetha Course.

Inspired by the talks of M. R Wilson and W. O. Stark at Thursday evening's Kiwanis club meeting, George Hughes and Bill Tennal took occasion of the opportunity to visit the Sabetha Defense School following the meeting. The school is in session every evening except Saturday and Sunday in the Lonnie Fletchall garage building just north of the Methodist church. Hours are from six to ten o'clock. The class is worth visiting.

The Kiwanians found the small building a beehive of activity. Legs were sticking out from under cars at all angles. Hands and faces were greasy. Boys of the school were going ahead with their work of repairing four or five vehicles. Some of the cars had been torn down completely, to determine not only what made them tick, but also to find breakages and troubles that owners did not know their cars had.

School teacher-mechanic Earl W. Willard of Morrill, who is the instructor of the school, said one of cars had been giving brake trouble that garage mechanics had been unable to cure. Because of the completeness with which the school boys disassembled the car, a defective part was found far from the apparent seat of the trouble, and proper correction was made.

Car owners provide the cars on which the boys work, and pay only for the parts used in making the repairs. Some engines the boys find, need to be rebored. If owners don't wish to go to that expense, less costly substitutions are made by the school, such as installing oversize pistons. Thus, in the course of the work, the boys learn not only how things should be done, but how different solutions for mechanical troubles can be found.

The students proceed with the work on the cars after having been told what to do. They use their own initiative in going ahead, but Instructor Willard inspects all work before it is okayed. If he finds the work has not been properly done, it must, of course, be corrected.

Each boy keeps a record of just what work he has done. He must make a weekly report on his work. Willard then looks it over to see if proper results have been obtained. Thus he is able to keep an accurate check on the progress of his students.

The federal government pays all expense of the instruction and buys the equipment, but the administrative part of the work is under the city school system, under direct supervision of W O. Stark. Tools bought by the government are used. These include that equipment necessary to make repairs, and determine mechanical deficiencies. There are portable drills and drill presses, wrenches of all kinds, micrometers, etc. Work done covers brake relining, valve grinding, wheel alignment,

general overhauling and a certain amount of motor car electrical work, although this phase is suggested as a separate nine weeks' course.

Mr Willard says boys are able to learn more about automobile mechanics in nine weeks in the school than they could learn in several years of work in a garage. This is because work in a garage keeps an apprentice doing a great deal of unimportant mechanical work but affords no opportunity for him to learn for instance, how to proceed in removing a motor or a crank-shaft or a cylinder head. Mr Willard says one of his students of last year had worked for two years in a garage, but felt he had learned a great deal more about motor mechanics in the short school course than in all of his time in the garage.

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Supt. Stark is enthusiastic about the defense school training, and believes it should be made a permanent part of Sabetha's educational program. It will continue here indefinitely if students are available to feed it. In fact, if enrollment becomes too great for one school at any time, a second-course could be installed here, operating during the afternoon, the evening course following immediately afterward.

Mr. Stark hopes students will be available for a second school immediately upon the completion of the present course. If such students do not appear, it is possible the present group may be offered a different course, perhaps in welding or electricity. Young men interested should get in touch with Mr Stark at once. Anyone who is out of school, and is between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive is eligible, regardless of his place of residence.

At present Sabetha's most serious defense school problem is that of housing. The school is very crowded in its present quarters, and the work conflicts somewhat with the regular daytime use of the building. A location which could be devoted exclusively to the school is sorely needed. If such could be made available, it is likely the training could be made so attractive to young men that the program could be made a permanent part of the community's school program.

The 14 boys who are students in the present defense school are as follows: from Sabetha, Wilbur Kyle, Earl Meyer, Lawrence Miller, Gayle Snyder, Leonard Strahm, Leon White, Donald Williams, James Wilson and Marvin Brunner, from Seneca. Alfred Buser, Donald Elliott and Robert Schmiedeler; from Morrill, Charles Dornes and Payton Arthur Thomas.

A local advisory committee consists of S. B. Cook, Frank Miller, Gale Brownlee, Roy Mishler, Fred Althouse, Adolph Lortscher, Ray Leman and Fritz Herrmann. These men were chosen because of their connection with garages, mechanics and farms of the community.

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The 14 boys who are students in the present defense school are as follows: from Sabetha, Wilbur Kyle, Earl Meyer, Lawrence Miller, Grvie Snyder, Leonard Strahn, Leon White, Donald Williams, James Wilson and Marvin Brun ner; from Seneca, Alfred Buser, Donald Elliott and Robert Schmieder; from Morrill, Charles Dor nes and Payton Arthur Thomas.

A local advisory committee con sists of S. B. Cook, Frank Miller, Gale Brownlee, Roy Mishler, Fred Althouse, Adolph Lortscher, Ray Leman and Fritz Heymann. These men were chosen because of their connection with garages, mechan ics and farms of the community.

John Crawford Deed

Have you ever tried to figure out how someone fit into a family group based on the information from a deed? As I'm trying to locate Virginia records for any of the Crawford families who lived in Garrard county, Kentucky, I'm encountering records for other Crawford families. Thus, I'm trying to figure out the various family units.

Today's deed is from 1797 when John Crawford sold land to Alexander Henderson. This deed has the following clues:

- John Crawford resided in Mercer county, KY in 1797
- first tract of land on Patterson's Creek and Craig's Creek
- first tract of land borders land of Josiah Crawford
- second tract of land on south side Patterson's creek
- second tract has a line of land formerly property of John Crawford Dec'd

Could the John Crawford of this deed be [John Crawford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/G8ZB-YFL) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/G8ZB-YFL>. [G8ZB-YFL]?

- His father, [John Crawford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/G8ZB-R4G) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/G8ZB-R4G>. [G8ZB-R4G], died in 1796.
- He had an uncle named [Josiah Crawford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LWRH-2T5) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LWRH-2T5>. [LWRH-2T5]

Since I'm unsure of the identity of John Crawford, I left a 'discussion' on his FamilySearch profile. Hopefully, those familiar with the family can figure out whether the seller of the land is John Crawford [G8ZB-YFL].

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This Indenture made 17th day May 1797 one thou
[sand] Seven hundred and Ninety Seven Between John Crawford
of Mercer County and State of Kentuckey of the one part & Alexa
ander Henderson of Botetourt County in Virginia of the other part
Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of Four hand
red pounds Lawfull Money of Virginia by the said Alexander
Henderson to the said John Crawford in hand paid doth bargain
and sell unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs t[wo]
Certain Tracts of Land lying in the said County of Botetourt and
Bounded as followeth to wit one tract Containing Eighteen acres
Begining at a Sycamore on the bank of [Patterson's] Creek and

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Runneth thence down the Several courses of the Creek one hundred
and ten poles to the mouth of Said Creek thence up Craigs Creek
forty poles to a Sycamore on the bank of said Creek Corner to the [land]

of Josiah Crawford Thence with the lines of the same South thirty one Degrees West twenty four poles to Near a honey Locust North sixty nine degrees west thirty nine poles to a stake [adct to a] Curry tree which stands a small distance in Josiah Crawfords land and thence the division line south thirty two degrees west fifty two poles West fifty two poles to the Begining one other Tract containing twenty Six acres Begining at a Hickory on the South Side Pattersons Creek in a line of the land formerly the property of John Crawford Decd and [run] ing thence South ten Degrees East twenty Eight poles to four Walnut Sapl in at the foot of a hill South Twenty five Degrees East Seventy Eight poles to three black Oak Saplin North fifty two Degrees East thirty poles to two White Oakes East forty four poles to a White Oak North ten Degrees West Eighteen poles to a Sycamore on Craig's Creek and up the same to the mouth of Patterson Creek thence up the said Creek to the Begining To have and to hold the said Tracts of Land with the appurtenances to the said Alexander Henderson his heirs to the sole use and behoof of him the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs forever and the Said John Crawford Crawford for himself and his heirs do covenant with the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs that he the said John Crawford and his heirs the said Lands with their appurtenances unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs again all persons whatsoever shall and will forever Warrant and Defend by this presents to witness whereof the said John Crawford

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Hath hereunto set his hand and seal this day an year above written
John Crawford (seal)

Signed sealed and
Delivered in presence of
B Pitzer, James Ochiltree
James Anderson Junr

At Botetourt October court 1797

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale & was [entered] in Court and proved by the Oath of James Ochiltree one of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to lie for further proof and at another Court held for said County in January 1799 the Same was fully proved by the Oath of Barnard Petzer and James Anderson Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

A Copy
Teste W. Hite DCC

This Indenture Made 17th Day May 1794 on the
 To { ~~Quo~~ Four hundred and thirty Seven Acres John Crauford
 of Mercer County and State of Kentucky of the one part & Alex
 of Henderson of Bolivar County in Virginia of the other part
 Witnesseth that for and in Commutation of the sum of Four hund
 red pounds Lawfull Money of Virginia by the Said Alexander
 Henderson to the Said John Crauford in hand paid doth bargain
 and sell unto the Said Alexander Henderson and his heirs ten
 Certain Tracts of Land lying in the Said County of Bolivar and
 bounded as followeth to wit one Tract Containing Eighteen Acres
 Beginning at a Spruce on the bank of Pattersons Creek and

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 Recorther there above the several Courses of the Acre on line
 and ten poles to the mouth of said Creek thence up said Creek
 forty poles to a Spruce on the bank of said Creek thence to the corner
 of John Crauford thence with the line of the same South thirty
 one Degrees East twenty four poles to a Spruce thence North
 thirty one Degrees East thirty nine poles to a Spruce ^{which} ~~thence~~
 thence a small distance in which Crauford's land and thence
 the line runs South thirty two Degrees East thirty two poles
 to the Beginning on other Tract Containing ^{thirty} ~~thirty~~ Acres
 Beginning at a Hickory on the South side of Pattersons Creek in a line
 of the land formerly the property of John Crauford down and run
 ning thence South two Degrees East twenty eight poles to four Walnut eight
 poles at the foot of a hill South twenty four Degrees East twenty eight poles
 to three Blackoak thence South thirty two Degrees East thirty poles to two
 White Oaks East forty four poles to a White Oak thence ten Degrees West
 Eighteen poles to a Spruce on said Creek and up the same to the
 mouth of Pattersons Creek thence up the said Creek to the Beginning
 To have and to hold the said Tracts of Land with the appurtenances
 to the said Alexander Henderson & his heirs to the said John Crauford
 of Mercer County and his heirs forever and the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs
 the said John Crauford for himself and his heirs do Over and with
 the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs that he the said
 John Crauford and his heirs the said Lands with their appurte
 nances unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs gratis
 all persons whatsoever shall and will from hereafter and before
 by the parties be to the use of the said John Crauford

(617) Hath herunto set his hand and seal this day an Year above
 Written
 Signed sealed and
 Delivered in presence of } John Crawford Seal
 B. Pitze, James Schittler }
 James Anderson our Secy }

At Bolton October Court 1799

This Indenture of Benjamin Hale was Exhibited
 in Court and proved by the Oath of James Schittler one of the
 Justices thereto and ordered to lie for further proof and at another
 Court held for said County in January 1799 the same was fully
 proved by the Oath of Benjamin Pitze and James Anderson
 Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

A Copy Teste W. Hite Secy

Friday Find

Nettie Frink

Do you have any diaries in your files? If so, do you know the provenance for the diary?

I have a typed copy of what is titled as 'Nettie Frink's Visit to Illinois (17/7-8/12/1892). Unfortunately, I have no idea how this document came to be in my files.

Annette "Nettie" Frink was the oldest daughter of Oliver Frink and his wife, Barbara Minnick. Thus, Nettie was a niece to my second great grandmother, Emiline Minnick. Emiline's eldest son, Charles Mentzer, is mentioned in the diary. Charles and Nettie are first cousins.

I've uploaded a PDF copy of the diary to Nettie's FamilySearch profile: [MC5M-T6R](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/MC5M-T6R) See [https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/MC5M-T6R..](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/MC5M-T6R)

Thanks to ChatGPT, I was able to quickly obtain a transcription of the diary.

NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS (7/7-8/12/1892). -1-

Thursday, 7/7/92: Arrived in Kewanee about ten o'clock. Grandpa and Aunt Lib met me at the train. Went around through the principal streets and arrived at Aunt Lib's about eleven. Aunt Lib had me go and lie down and I slept until dinner was ready. Helped with the dishes, put on a cooler dress and laid down again until Aunt Lib came and woke me up and said that Millie Porter had come to see me. We had a very pleasant visit. After she had gone, we went down to Aunt Lou's. Carrie and her grandma were there too. After supper we went to prayer meeting. Met quite a number of the young people. Went right to bed as soon as I got home.

Friday, 7/8/92: About ten o'clock Carrie and her Grandmother came down. Then I went back with them. They took us all through the greenhouse. I went in to see Grandpa Tunnicliff's plants. Then came back to Aunt Lib's and wrote a card to the folks at home. Found a man here fixing Aunt Lib's organ. In the afternoon Carrie, Aunt Lib, and I went calling. Called on Mrs. Porter and Aunt Barbara Keneval. I met Aunt Annie Miner, Cliff, and Fred on the way. Carrie came to tea with me and stayed all night. Grandpa had me read the chapter in the bible.

Saturday, 7/9/92: We got up about six and after breakfast Aunt Lib, Carrie, and I went down town, saw all of the cousins and saw Frank Miles, went all through Lyman-Lays store. I went to dinner with Carrie. After dinner Carrie and Emma Miner came around after me and we called at Wilse Minnick's, Fan's, Mary Holt's, Will Palmer's, and Addie Rolston's. Stayed to tea there. There were about a dozen of us. Before tea Ern and Fred Miner came around in a surry and took Carrie and me on a nice ride. After tea we had some music. Then Emma, Lula, Ern, Carrie, Fred, and I went out to the lake. We went over to the summer house. Then came back and took a lovely boat ride. Got home a little after ten. The moon was full.

Sunday, 7/10/92: After I made my bed I took a bath and then studied the S.S. lesson. Went to church with Aunt Lib and Grandpa and stayed to S.S. Carrie and Charlie Mentzer came home to dinner with us. After dinner we sang and played until nearly four, then we went out to the old cemetery. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Charley, Carrie, and I. We went around past Miners and Carrie and I stopped in a few minutes. We reached home, got a lunch, started to the Baptist Church, but met Miss Miles and she told us that Mr. Delano was away so we went to the Methodist Church.

Monday, 7/11/92: Got up early this morning and did what little washing we had to do

before nine o'clock. Carrie brought her washing over to Aunt Lib's and we all three washed. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went over to Carrie's and we all went over to Palmers'. Stopped at the post-office on our way over. Spent a very pleasant afternoon. Stayed to tea, then Uncle Aar took us out and showed us his stock etc. Started home about eight. On the way home Carrie and I stopped in one of the stores and got a Splasher to work on. Stopped into Gambles a few minutes too.

Tuesday, 7/12/92: Carrie came over this morning and we sang a while, then went over to Aunt Lou's, saw Aunt Annie Stone. They were ironing so we didn't stay long, but came home and I ironed my clothes. In the afternoon Carrie, Emma, and I went down to Lula's, stayed to tea. After supper we girls, six of us, Lula, Emma, Bess, Miss Haney, Carrie, and myself went to watch the boys play tennis. Watched them about an hour, then went back to Lula's. In the evening Mr. Murchison, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Low, Mr. Hamilton, and Fred Miner came. On our way home we got caught in a storm. I was dripping wet when I reached home.

Wednesday, 7/13/92: Hung my clothes out to dry about the first thing this morning. About ten o'clock I went over after Carrie and we went down to Fan's. When we reached there found her pretty badly used up with toothache. I worked on my splasher, got a good deal done on it. Stayed there to dinner. About five o'clock Lula and Emma called for us and we went down to Mrs. Stanton's. Bess and Mate Haney were there. Alice had fixed lovely bouquets of sweet peas for each of us to wear. We had tea at about half past six. After tea we all went over to Mrs. Gleason's, saw Bird and her baby. Carrie and I stopped in to Fan's on our way home. Got back about eight or a little after.

Thursday, 7/14/92: I got ready and about ten o'clock went down after Carrie and we went to Uncle Will Minnick's. We spent almost all fore-noon looking at pictures. In the afternoon, we worked on our splashers, tried the piano, looked at books, went all over the new house, attic and all. About six we had tea, Paul, Zella, Carrie, and I were the only ones who ate at our table. Zella came up home with us. We stopped in to see Aunt Susie, She seemed so glad to see us. When I got home, found Aunt Lou and Aunt Annie and Grandma Minnick here.

Friday, 7/15/92: Went down town this morning and got me an india linnen waist. When I got home I wrote a letter to Georgia Nye and helped Aunt Lib on my waist, then set the table for dinner. After dinner we got at my waist again and got it nearly finished. Carrie came over to read her letter to us. Tonight is the first night I've taken tea at home for over a week. About eight o'clock I went around after Carrie and we went for Emma, then went to the party at Palmer's, Had a lovely time, Mr. Hamilton brought Carrie and I home. Got home at twelve.

Saturday, 7/16/92: About ten o'clock this forenoon Carrie and I went down town and had our pictures taken. At noon Grandpa brought me a package from home. Found a silver thimble and a nice handkerchief in it. Aunt Lib had a chicken for dinner in honor of my birthday. After dinner we went out calling. Called at Gamble's, saw Sue and the baby. From there we went to Mrs. Holmes. Had a very pleasant call, met her sister, Miss Watson. Reached home about six o'clock. After supper Jennie Smailing came in, brought her sister's child, I went to bed about nine o'clock.

Sunday, 7/17/92: Carrie came over to go to church with us. After studying the lesson awhile, we three went to the Baptist church, Harry Miles preached. We were in Annie Miles' class in S.S. After S.S. went to Aunt Lou's for dinner, found Aunt Susie, Willie, and her mother there. After dinner we came back to Aunt Lib's. Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls were here when we came. After they had gone Charlie Mentzer came, had been to the Y.M.C.A. He hadn't been here long when Ella, Chan, and his wife came. They left the baby at home asleep. When they had gone Carrie and I read out loud to one another, then had tea, and went to the Methodist Church.

Monday, 7/18/92: Had quite a large washing, but got it all out by nine o'clock. Commenced raining about ten or half-past, but got the clothes dry. Carrie and John Tunnicliffe's three little girls came over after me to go to Eddie's, Fan's, etc., but I felt

too tired to. Was glad I didn't when it commenced to rain. Grandpa brought me a letter from Libbie this noon. I finished my splasher this afternoon and sent a letter to the folks. Grandpa brought me some bananas for supper. After supper Aunt Lib and I went over to Grandma Tunnicliff's. I read my letter to them. Emma Miner came in while we were there.

Tuesday, 7/19/92: I did all of my ironing before it got so hot. After I did the ironing I went up town, did some trading and got the proof of our pictures. Don't like mine at all, but suppose I'll have to take it. Carrie came over and spent the afternoon with me. Emma and May Smailing were here too. After they had gone, we went up town. Aunt Lib got me a lovely dish of ice cream. After supper I went in and sang, then we went over to Mrs. Van Sickles to call. When we came back, Grandpa was sitting on the porch. He and I sat there and talked until nearly ten o'clock.

Wednesday, 7/20/92: I was intending to go down to Aar Palmer's this forenoon, but it was so very warm that I didn't go. Stayed at home and finished my waist. Thought I would go in the afternoon but it rained so, couldn't go. Stayed at home and read out loud to Aunt Lib while she sewed. Reading "Samantha among the Brethren". After supper we sang some and read out loud to one another. Got half way through the book. Went to bed a little after nine o'clock.

Thursday, 7/21/92: Aunt Lib helped me make my sun-bonnet. Part of the time I would read while she sewed, then she would read while I sewed. Grandpa brought me a letter from Ma, Grace, and Libbie at noon. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went up town, got me a stand cover to work on. On our way home stopped in to see Mrs. John Moffitt and Mrs. Pinny. From Mrs. Pinny's I went on home and read. Just as we were about to sit down to the supper table, Uncle Aar Palmer came around after us in a three-seated rig and wanted us to go out riding. We told him we hadn't had our supper yet but he told us to come anyway. So Aunt Lib left Grandpa's supper on the table and we went. Bess, Carrie, and Miss Spicer were in when we got in. Then Uncle Aar drove around and got Aunt Annie Stone, Aunt Lou, and Grace, that made nine of us, three in a seat. He took us on a long ride out to the brick yards and waterworks. They took Aunt Annie home first. Then Aunt Lib and I. Grandpa had gone to prayer meeting but we didn't get home in time. Ate our supper, then read until Grandpa came home, then we went out to the park to hear the band play. Got home at half-past nine.

Friday, 7/22/92: Got up at six o'clock and finished reading "Samantha among the Brethren." After breakfast took a bath then got ready to start to Geneseo. We, Carrie and I, took the train at a quarter of ten. Aunt Lib went down to the depot with us. Passed through two stations, then came to Wyanett crossing, and had to wait there two hours and a half. Waited from eleven to half past one o'clock. Another young lady got off there and I recognized her as Lena Mason's sister. So we had company. There must have been at least fifteen freight trains passed through there while we were there. At half past one we took the Rock Island and Pacific road going northwest passed through four stations and some beautiful country, so level. When we reached Geneseo no one was there to meet us, but a man showed us where Mrs. Bliss's house was. We first stopped and got a dish of ice cream, then met Mrs. Bliss coming after us. We washed ourselves up and put on some cooler dresses. Then after supper went out to the park, went and called on Mrs. Steel and daughter. Geneseo is a beautiful little city. Carrie and I went to bed at ten. Jennie had gone on an excursion and when she came home she came in and sat on the bed and talked until nearly eleven.

Saturday, 7/23/92: Got up at about half past seven. After we ate our breakfast Carrie and I worked on our tidies. Then Jennie came in and wanted to know if we didn't want to go down town, so we three went, stopped into some of the nicest stores, went up into the photograph gallery. When we were coming home Jennie got us a glass of ice-cream soda. When we got home, played Halma until noon. After dinner Jennie, Carrie, Mrs. Bliss, and I took a double seated surry and went out to the Geneseo cemetery. It is a beautiful place. We went from there four miles southeast in the country to a cousin of

Jennie. Went past the farm that Geo. and Flora used to live on. Stayed at Mrs. G's until five o'clock or after. They have a nice piano and we had some music. Miss Salem played for us and so did Jennie. Before we left we each had a glass of lemonade. When we got back to Geneseo it was nearly seven, but we rode around town until nearly nine. Saw so many nice houses and lovely lawns. We went out to the fairground north of town and drove around the race track once. When we got home it was after nine, had supper at about half-past nine. Had blueberries for supper.

Sunday, 7/24/92: After breakfast we got ready for church. Went to the Congregational church with Jennie and her mother. The sermon and singing were fine. They have a large pipe organ. Stayed to S.S., were in Jennie's class. After S.S., she showed us all through the church, downstairs and up. When we came home, put on cooler dresses and read some before dinner. After dinner Jennie played on the piano for us. About six o'clock Miss Haney came for us. We went to her home, met her sister and brother Dick. Had a nice glass of lemonade. Then went to church with Mate. They have a grand pipe organ there. When we got back, Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet, Jennie, her mother, Grandpa Bliss, Carrie, and I sat out on the porch and talked until eleven o'clock. Then we went in the house, had a lunch, and went to bed.

Monday, 7/25/92: Read almost all forenoon. Jennie had to give two music lessons. Started to Kewanee at one o'clock. Jennie went to the train with us. Had to wait at the crossing an hour and a half, from two until after three. Got into Kewanee a little after four. Aunt Lib didn't expect me on that train so was not there to meet me. When I got home, I washed myself up and worked on my stand cover. Aunt Lib went up town after something and left me here alone. I was too tired to go along. After supper Mrs. John Moffitt came around in her surry and took us out riding. We went all over town, out to the fairground and rode around the track. Didn't get home until nearly nine o'clock. Aunt Lib, Grandpa and I sat out on the porch a long time. It was so cool and pleasant.

Tuesday, 7/26/92: We washed today, got all through by half past ten. I wrote a letter to the folks. At noon Grandpa brought me a letter from Bird, and Carrie one from Lida. After dinner I took a bath. Mrs. Van Sickle came over to have Aunt Lib make her a basque. So this afternoon Aunt Lib sewed and I worked on my stand cover. After supper I took Carrie's letter over to her. She read it out loud to Grandma T. and I. Pretty soon Grandpa came and we sat on the porch until quite late.

Wednesday, 7/27/92: About eight o'clock Carrie came up to iron her shally on our ironing board. Then at nine we went down to the greenhouse to see the flowers they were making for Frank Reguah's funeral, but they had just taken them away. Went to the funeral, heard Mr. Delano preach. It was afternoon when we got home. Grandpa didn't go back to work until after two. In the evening Carrie came up then we went over to Smailings. Emma and May went to the social at Dr. Lowe's with us. Had the band there to furnish the music.

Thursday, 7/28/92: Stayed at home all forenoon, read and sewed. Took a short nap before dinner. Was invited to Miner's this afternoon, Carrie, Emma, and I went down town. On our way home, we stopped into Mr. Pierce's a few minutes. Then we went back to Miner's. Pretty soon Bess and Lula came. We had our tea about five o'clock. About that time it began to rain. Aunt Lib brought my rubbers down to me, Mr. Hamilton was there a little while and Clarence Murchison brought Lula's rubbers to her, Carrie and I didn't start home until nearly nine o'clock.

Friday, 7/29/92: Wrote a letter this morning, and helped Aunt Lib with the cakes. Grandpa brought some blueberries home this noon. Carrie came over about four o'clock. Emma Smailing was here, brought their croconole board over for this evening. Millie Porter was here to call, invited us there to tea Monday evening. Mrs. Gamble and Sue were here to call too. Charley Mentzer came into the party. There were about thirty-five here. I went to supper with Frank and Kate Miles. Carrie stayed all night with me. Saturday, 7/30/92: After we got the work done up, had a dish of ice cream that was left from the party. About ten o'clock Carrie and I went up town, got our pictures, then went

up to Aunt Lou's, stayed there to dinner and supper, then went down to Aaron Palmer's. In the evening, we went up town on a bum. Went and had a dish of ice cream, then went into Lay and Lyman's and got some candy. I went up to look at their cloaks. When we were going home we met Uncle Aar and Ern. They took us into a drugstore and got us a glass of whipped cream soda. Went home nearly used up.

Sunday, 7/31/92: Bess, Carrie, and I went to the Catholic church. The church is lovely and was crowded. It was confirmation Sunday. We came away before services were out. Wanted to go to the Methodist S.S. About four o'clock Mr. Stratton came. We sat and talked until nearly five then Carrie and I went home. Charley Mentzer was here when I got here. After tea Aunt Lib and I went to the Baptist church to Y.P. meeting, but church was locked. Went to the Epworth League and from there to the Primitive Methodist to a concert. I was with Bess and Mr. Stratton most of the time.

Monday, 8/1/92: Washed this morning, got through about nine o'clock. Aunt Lib made me a new collar for my wrapper. Went up to Emma Miner's about eleven, stayed until two o'clock. Belle and Fred were there for a while after dinner. Then we went downtown, went into Joe's store and got the children all something. Took them back home then went and called on the Miles family. From there, we went over to Mr. Porter's for tea. Mrs. Blackburn and Geo.'s wife and baby were there and Mrs. Good, Mill's sister. After tea we played and sang and Blanche Maul danced for us.

Tuesday, 8/2/92: About nine o'clock went over after Carrie. Uncle Aar and Aunt Prudence were there. We went up to Lyman and Lays and I had Mr. Lyman take my measure for a new jacket. From there we went to Cousin Will Minnick's. Was there to dinner. Met Fred and Nina King. Went from there to Will Palmer's, then to Addie's, then to Lula's, then to Fan's. Alice, Carrie, and I were there to tea. Joe wasn't there. After tea Lula and her mother came over and we all went to look at the house Uncle Geo. has rented. Lula and Clarence came part way home with me.

Wednesday, 8/3/92: Packed my trunk this morning. About nine o'clock Carrie and I went up to Ella Keneval's to dinner, had dinner about half past eleven. After dinner we went and bid the Miners goodbye, then went over to Grandma Minnick's. Started down to the depot about three. Went in to Lyman & Lays, then went to Uncle Will Minnick's. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Grandpa Tunnicliff, Ella Keneval, Will Palmer, Clarence Murchison, Mr. Stratton, and Bess were at the train to see us off. Clarence gave me one of his pictures. Got into Galesburg about five o'clock. Uncle John, Grace, Sarah, and Virginia were at the train to meet us. We sat out in the yard until supper time. After supper Uncle John took his surry, and we went riding. Saw the Knox Co. Courthouse, Knox College and a good many other large buildings. The ride was delightful on the pavements.

Thursday, 8/4/92: After we made our beds, Nat hitched up for us and Carrie, Grace, Sara, Virginia and I went riding. Drove around the city awhile, then went into Brown's shops and Uncle John took us all through. We girls went up as far as we could get into the tower, and had a splendid view of the city. Went down on an elevator, then went all through the Methodist Church, looked at the audience room from the gallery. Went back to the shops with Moses Hubbard. When we got home it was nearly noon. Katie and Jimmy Mars were here to dinner. Katie stayed all afternoon. We played Old Maid, and Aunt Cornie played on the piano for us. Had supper about half past five, then Katie, Grace, Carrie, Sara, and I took the streetcar for Lake George. Uncle John, Aunt Cornie, and the children went in the surry. When we reached the lake, we all took the steamboat and went up the lake. On our way back we got out at a landing and went up into the park. It is a beautiful place. Stayed there until the boat came back again then went back to the boat house. Although it wasn't a very long ride I never will forget it. We girls waited for our car about twenty minutes, got home about nine.

Friday, 8/5/92: About nine o'clock Aunt Cornie, Horace, Katie Mars, Carrie, and I went in the surry to the timber about four miles east of town, stayed there until nearly noon, then drove over to Knoxville, went through the park, walked around the lake, then went

around to see the St. Mary's College. It was a lovely building. Got back to Galesburg about one. They had all of them had their dinner. After dinner we rode down town, went into some of the stores, around to Brown's shops, into the Methodist church and watched them quilt. Went around past the seminary and the Alumni Hall. Got home just in time for supper. Had a watermelon for supper. We played games, swung, and read until time to go to the train. On our way to the train Uncle John took us in to see the fire engine rooms and the way they have the horses trained. It was wonderful. Started for home about ten o'clock. The train was crowded, but we got a good seat. Thus ends my Illinois trip.

Names from NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS:

Thursday, 7/7/92:

- Grandpa
- Aunt Lib
- Millie Porter
- Aunt Lou
- Carrie Tunnickliff, Nettie's cousin
- Grandma (Carrie's grandma)

Friday, 7/8/92:

- Carrie
- Grandpa Tunnickliff
- Aunt Lib
- Mrs. Porter
- Aunt Barbara Keneval
- Aunt Annie Miner
- Cliff Miner
- Fred Miner

Saturday, 7/9/92:

- Carrie
- Emma Miner
- Wilse Minnick
- Fan
- Mary Holt
- Will Palmer
- Addie Rolston
- Ern
- Fred Miner
- Lula

Summer House

Sunday, 7/10/92:

- Aunt Lib
- Grandpa
- Carrie
- Charlie Mentzer
- Miss Miles
- Mr. Delano (Baptist preacher)

Monday, 7/11/92:

- Carrie
- Aunt Lib
- Uncle Aar (Aaron Palmer)
- Post-office

Tuesday, 7/12/92:

- Carrie
- Aunt Lou

- Aunt Annie Stone
- Emma
- Lula
- Bess
- Miss Haney
- Mr. Murchison
- Mr. Stratton
- Mr. Low
- Mr. Hamilton
- Fred Miner
- Wednesday, 7/13/92:
- Carrie
- Fan
- Lula
- Mrs. Stanton
- Bess
- Mate Haney
- Alice
- Mrs. Gleason
- Bird and her baby
- Thursday, 7/14/92:
- Carrie
- Uncle Will Minnick
- Zella Stone
- Paul
- Aunt Susie
- Aunt Lou
- Aunt Annie
- Grandma Minnick
- Friday, 7/15/92:
- Aunt Lib
- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- Frank and Kate Miles
- Saturday, 7/16/92:
- Carrie
- Aunt Lou
- Aaron Palmer
- Sunday, 7/17/92:
- Carrie
- Mr. Stratton
- Charley Mentzer
- Aunt Lib
- Ella Keneval
- Chan and his wife
- Monday, 7/18/92:
- Carrie
- John Tunnickliff's three little girls
- Grandma Tunnickliff
- Tuesday, 7/19/92:
- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- May Smailing

- Mrs. Van Sickles
Wednesday, 7/20/92:
- Aar Palmer
Thursday, 7/21/92:
- Aunt Lib
- Grandpa
- Ma
- Grace
- Libbie
- Mrs. John Moffitt
- Mrs. Pinny
- Miss Spicer
Friday, 7/22/92:
- Carrie
- Mrs. Bliss
- Lena Mason's sister
- Mrs. Steel
Saturday, 7/23/92:
- Carrie
- Jennie
- Miss Salem
- Mrs. G
Sunday, 7/24/92:
- Carrie
- Jennie
- Grandpa Bliss
- Miss Haney
- Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet
Monday, 7/25/92:
- Carrie
- Jennie
- Aunt Lib
- Mrs. John Moffitt
Tuesday, 7/26/92:
- Carrie
- Mrs. Van Sickle
Wednesday, 7/27/92:
- Carrie
- Emma and May Smailing
- Dr. Lowe
Thursday, 7/28/92:
- Carrie
- Aunt Lib
- Mr. Pierce
- Mr. Hamilton
- Clarence Murchison
Friday, 7/29/92:
- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- Millie Porter
- Mrs. Gamble
- Sue
- Charley Mentzer
Saturday, 7/30/92:

- Carrie
- Aaron Palmer
- Ern
- Sunday, 7/31/92:
- Bess
- Mr. Stratton
- Monday, 8/1/92:
- Carrie
- Emma Miner
- Belle
- Fred Miner
- Mrs. Blackburn
- Geo.'s wife and baby
- Mrs. Good
- Blanche Maul
- Tuesday, 8/2/92:
- Uncle Aar
- Aunt Prudence
- Mr. Lyman
- Cousin Will Minnick
- Fred and Nina King
- Will Palmer
- Addie
- Lula
- Fan
- Joe
- Alice
- Clarence Murchison
- Wednesday, 8/3/92:
- Ella Keneval
- Lyman & Lays
- Uncle Will Minnick

NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS (7/7-8/12/1892).

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Thursday, 7/7/92: Arrived in Kewanee about ten o'clock. Grandpa and Aunt Lib met me at train. Went around through the principal streets and arrived at Aunt Lib's about eleven. Aunt Lib had me go and lie down and I slept until dinner was ready. Helped with the dishes, put on a cooler dress and laid down again until Aunt Lib came and woke me up and said that Millie Porter had come to see me. We had a very pleasant visit. After she had gone, we went down to Aunt Lou's. Carrie and her grandma were there too. After supper we went to prayer meeting. Met quite a number of the young people. Went right to bed as soon as I got home.

Friday, 7/8/92: About ten o'clock Carrie and her Grandmother came down. Then I went back with them. They took us all through the greenhouse. I went in to see Grandpa Tunnick's plants. Then came back to Aunt Lib's and wrote a card to the folks at home. Found a man here fixing Aunt Lib's organ. In the afternoon Carrie, Aunt Lib, and I went calling. Called on Mrs. Porter and Aunt Barbara Keneval. I met Aunt Annie Miner, Cliff, and Fred on way home. Carrie came to tea with me and stayed all night. Grandpa had me read the chapter in the bible.

Saturday, 7/9/92: We got up about six and after breakfast Aunt Lib, Carrie, and I went down town, saw all of the cousins and saw Frank Miles, went all through Lyman-Lays store. I went to dinner with Carrie. After dinner Carrie and Emma Miner came around after me and we called at Wilse Minnick's, Fan's, Mary Holt's, Will Palmer's, and Addie Rolston's. Stayed to tea there. There were about a dozen of us. Before tea Ern and Fred Miner came around in a surry and took Carrie and I on a nice ride. After tea we had some music. Then Emma, Lula, Ern, Carrie, Fred, and I went out to the lake. We went over to the summer house. Then came back and took a lovely boat ride. Got home a little after ten. The moon was full.

Sunday, 7/10/92: After I made my bed I took a bath and then studied the S.S. lesson. Went to church with Aunt Lib and Grandpa and stayed to S.S. Carrie and Charlie Mentzer came home to dinner with us. After dinner we sang and played until nearly four, then we went out to the old cemetery. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Charley, Carrie, and I. We went around past Miners and Carrie and I stopped in a few minutes. We reached home, got a lunch, started to the

County Fair

Do you have fond memories of attending or participating in a county fair? Since it is Fair Week in Seneca (Nemaha County), today's post recounts some of the history of the Nemaha County fair.

According to the Seneca Weekly Courier, the Board of Trade of Seneca appointed a Fair Committee in 1882.

The Board of Trade of Seneca last week appointed a Fair Committee (consisting of Wm. Histed, Abijah Wells, Geo. A. Marvin, C. G. Scrafford, and Mort. Mathews) to look into the matter and work up something in that line. The first fact the committee learned was that the only piece of ground near Seneca in every way fitted for fair grounds was about to be sold; and in order to hold the same for fair use must be bought at once. Judge Histed and J. H. Williams therefore went to work, and on Friday last raised by subscription \$2,300 for the purchase of forty-five acres of the piece of land owned by Edwin Knowles south of the depot; and C. C. K. Scoville having the agency for the sale, he and Judge Histed went to Sabetha and made the purchase for the amount raised, paying \$2,257.55. The following-named gentlemen "put up" \$100 each for the purchase: William Histed, Willis Brown, A. H. Burnett, Joshua Mitchell, G. R. Benedict, Abijah Wells, G. A. Marvin, A. L. Stone, J. H. Hatch, L. Cohen, R. E. Nelson, C. G. Scrafford, G. W. Williams, R. M. Emery, S. J. Edgerly, James Parsons, Mort. Mathews, H. C. Settle, West E. Wilkinson, G. W. Johnson, J. H. Williams, Thos. Bennett, sen., and E. M. Miller.

At a meeting called to determine further in the matter, Wm. Histed, Willis Brown, and Geo. W. Williams were appointed trustees to hold the land in trust, "to be disposed of as a majority of the purchasers determine."

The Board of Trade committee were also instructed to interview the Board of County Commissioners, and have the question of purchase of fair grounds submitted to vote at the November election. The law provides that the County may purchase and improve fair grounds, and appropriate not to exceed $13/4$ mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county for the purpose. The gentlemen who made the purchase above hold the land subject to the acceptance of the people upon re-payment of their investment. They bought the land simply to keep it within reach for fair grounds.

There has been considerable fair talk off and on for years; and we do not know of an individual resident of Nemaha county who does not want one. Parties who have talked the matter up in different parts of the county are sanguine that the question of purchase by the County Board will be ratified by a large majority of the voters. And hence there seems a prospect finally for a fair in Nemaha county; a fair that will be owned by the county, and thus remain permanent in the people.

There was some talk of holding a fair this fall; but upon discussion the matter has been dropped. The grounds are in no shape; the season is late; and we want to start the Nemaha County Fair in first-class shape, and make it a success from the first. That can be better done when the County purchase the grounds and possess the title. The fair will then be owned by all the people, and they will become personally interested in its management and success.

In the meantime The Courier is open to correspondents who have a word of encouragement. Let's all talk fair, vote for fair grounds, and then make our annual fair the one big thing of Nemaha county.

In the fall of 1872, the county voted on a bill to accept the land and reimburse the original purchasers. However, the citizens rejected the plan.

Last summer an association of our citizens bought about 40 acres of land adjoining Seneca, with a view of securing the most suitable site for county fair grounds, as it was likely to reach a price in a short time that would preclude its purchase for that purpose. This site was offered to the county at cost, to enable those most interested to take charge of the Fair Association if they desired to do so. It was submitted to the voters of the county at the recent election, and the proposition of the county buying the grounds was lost. It is unnecessary to reply to the misrepresentations of those who would rather not have a county fair if it could not be made tributary to their selfish interests, however inconvenient their location might be for the advantage of the county. These “dogs in the manger” are an unfortunate class of people, and they seldom accomplish much. Their work is to tear down, not to build up a county.

As soon as it was ascertained that the vote of last week had been adverse to the proposition submitted, the citizens who purchased the said site offered to turn the same over to any organization desiring to use the same for a county fair, at the same price they gave for it, although they could have sold it at an advance of \$500. An organization was immediately begun, and will be completed within a few days, by which Nemaha county will have a fair in the autumn of 1883. It is proposed to organize under the laws of the State with a capital of \$5,000 paid in; this to be divided into fifty shares of \$100 each. Already 45 shares have been taken, and those who desire to unite with the association will need to apply at once, for the remaining shares will be taken before our next issue, which will contain further details of the organization. Application for shares may be made to the editor of The Courier; and while the success of the fair is beyond further question, and no outside subscriptions of stock are necessary, yet it is desired to offer a chance to such enterprising citizens throughout the county as would like to become members in the Association.

After the defeat, the citizens of Nemaha county came together to form the Nemaha County Fair Association.

The stock-holders of the Nenana Fair Association met at the Armory on Tuesday evening for the adoption of by-laws for the government of the Association. There was a full attendance and \$3,500 stock reported taken. The complete set of by-laws was adopted, requiring annual meetings the first Tuesday of March, and leaving the management otherwise in the hands of the directors. Officers are to be selected at Saturday's fair in Nenana on Wednesday next, Dec. 9, at 10 o'clock, by the directors.



Saturday Night Genealogy FUn

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!



Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

- 1) How many “Wills” for your grandparents’ or great-grandparents’ surnames are on the FamilySearch Full Text Search feature (see <https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text>)?**
- 2) List the surnames and how many entries there are when you do an exact name search. What does this tell you? Have you found Wills for all of your ancestors with these names?**
- 3) Share a link to your blog post, or your Facebook Status post, on this post.**

I followed the same procedure that Randy Seaver outlined in his blog post:

NOTE: FamilySearch has been adding more data to the Wills collections. Here's how I did mine:

- * On the Full-Text Search page (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text>), I put my “Seaver” surname in quotes (to make it exact).
- * I then used the “Record Type” filter to select “Legal Records.”
- * Then on the “Legal Records” filter, I selected “Wills” to show only the records in that category.

Since some of my ancestral surnames are spelled in various ways on records, I did the search for both spellings.

- Crawford – 66,386
- Hammond – 27,352
- Currey – 2,782 / Curry – 37,582
- Hutchinson – 21,093 / Hutchison – 13,579
- Briles – 402 / Broyles – 2,719
- Ricketts – 5,160
- Mentzer – 863
- Wells – 75,416

One word of caution: Performing this same search at an affiliate library or a family history center will increase the results. If a record is locked at home, it is likely locked for this search. By using an affiliate library, the record may become unlocked, thus increasing the number of results.

Transferring Use

Do you regularly use deeds in your genealogical research? If so, do you occasionally encounter phrasing that you haven't seen before? As I was searching for Crawford deeds in early Botetourt county, I came across such a phrase:

transferring use into possession

Since someone had shared that they asked AI for help interpreting legal language, I asked [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. what this phrase meant.

What does the phrase "transferring use into possession" mean in a 1770 land transaction?



In the context of a 1770 land transaction, the phrase "transferring use into possession" refers to the process of converting the right to use the land (known as "use") into actual legal ownership and physical control (known as "possession") of the land.

During that period, land ownership often involved complex legal concepts and arrangements. The concept of "use" originated from medieval English law, where one person (the "feoffor") could hold the legal title to the land, while another person (the "cestui que use") had the right to use and enjoy the benefits of the land. This system allowed for flexibility in managing and transferring land rights, but it also created complications and potential for abuse.

By "transferring use into possession," the transaction aimed to simplify and clarify land ownership by ensuring that the person with the beneficial right to use the land also held the legal title and physical control of the land. This process effectively unified the equitable interest (use) and the legal interest (possession), providing the new owner with full and unequivocal ownership rights.

This concept was an important step in the evolution of land law, leading towards more straightforward and secure property rights.

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Thanks ChatGPT for the explanation!

The deed I was looking at was a 1770 deed in Botetourt County, Virginia where William Preston sold land on Patterson's Creek to John Crawford.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 1, 1770-1773

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This Indenture made the fifth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy Between William Preston County of Botetourt of the one part and John Crawford Junr of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Preston for and in Consideration of the sum of five sh[illings] Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Crawford at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents , the receipt whereof is

hereby acknowledged hath granted , bargained and sold , and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John Crawford one certain tract or parcel of Land containing seventy seven acres be the same more or less Granted to the said William Preston by Letters Patent bearing date the [twelfth Day of September one there and eleven hundred and sixty seven , lying and being

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being in the County of Botetourt formerly Augusta on Patterson's Creek a Branch of Craig's Creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a White oak on a hill near a small meadow thence North Eighty degrees East forty poles to two white Oak Saplings by a Gulley South ten degrees West forty four poles to a Walnut South sixty degrees East seventy poles to a Spanish Oak in a hollow South ten degrees West one hundred poles to a hickory south eighty Degrees West forty poles to a Large White Oak in the Barrens , North thirty Degrees West Eighty four poles South one hundred poles to the beginning and all Houses , Buildings , Orchards , ways , Water , Water courses , profits , Commodities Hereditaments , and appurtenances whatsoever , to the said premises are hereby granted , or any part thereof belonging , or in any wise appertaining , and the Reversion and Reversions , remainder and remainders , Rents , Issues , and profits , thereof : To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land and all and singular [other] the premises , hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Crawford his Extors Administrators and assigns from the day before the Date hereof , for and during the full [term] and time of one whole year , from thence next ensuing , fully to be complete and ended Yielding and paying therefore the rent of one pepper corn , on [any] day now if the same shall be lawfully demanded to the extent and purpose that by Virtue of these presents , and of the statute for Transferring use into Possession . the said John Crawford may be in actual Possession of the premises , and be thereby enabled to accept and take a grant and release of the Reversion and inheritance thereof to him and his Heirs In Witness whereof the said William Preston hath hereunto set his hand and seal , the day and year above Written .
William Preston .

At a Court held for Botetourt County the 13th Feby 1770 These indentures of Lease & Release were acknowledged by the said William Parly hereto and ordered to be recorded [(To come in after the relegar)]
Teste John May CBC

1207. Draft Book 2 (p. 1)
 Date John May 6 B.C.
 Preston
 20 This Indenture made the fifth Day of February in the year of our Lord one
 thousand seven hundred and seventy between William Preston of the one part
 and John Crawford Junr of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that
 The said William Preston for and in consideration of the sum of three shillings
 current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Crawford
 at or before the sealing and delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is
 hereby Acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, and sold, and by these Presents
 doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John Crawford on certain Trust
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(27)
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 of range Creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning In White Oak
 on a hill near a small Meadow Thence North Eighty degrees East forty poles
 to two white Oaks, thence by a Gully South ten degrees West forty four
 poles to a Walnut South thirty degrees East seventy poles to a Spanish Oak in
 a hollow South ten degrees West one hundred poles to a hickory, South Eighty
 degrees West forty poles to a large white Oak in the Barrens North thirty degrees
 West Eighty four poles South one hundred poles to the beginning. And all
 Houses, Buildings, Orchards, Ways, Waters, Watercourses, Profits, commodities,
 Hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever, be the said Premises
 hereby granted, or any part thereof belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the
 Reversion and Reversions, remainder and remainders, Rents, Issues, and
 Profits, thereof, I have and to hold the said Trust or Parcel of Land and
 all and singular other the Premises, hereby granted, with the appurtenances
 unto the said John Crawford his Executors Administrators and Assigns from
 the Day before the Date hereof, for and during the full Term and Time of one
 whole year, from thence next ensuing, fully to be complete and ended
 Guiding and Paying, therefore the Rent of one Pepper Corn, on Lady Day next
 if the same shall be lawfully demanded: To the intent, and Purpose that
 by Virtue of these Presents, and of the Statute for Transferring Uses
 into Reversion, the said John Crawford may be in Actual Reversion
 of the Premises, and be thereby enabled to accept and take a grant and
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 In Witness whereof the said William Preston hath hereunto set his
 hand and seal, the 5th day of Feb^r 1770. William Preston.
 At a Court held for Baltimore County the 13th of Feb^r 1770. These Indentures of
 Lease & Release were acknowledged by the said William Parly hereto
 and ordered to be recorded (Remains after the day) Date John May 6 B.C.
 This Indenture

Purple Heart

Jonas Elmer Smith

Normally, I transcribe the various newspapers articles about the military career, death and burial for these posts. For this post, I did collect and transcribe the various newspaper articles. Instead of just pasting that information here, I decided to ask [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>. for some help.

In order to give ChatGPT some information to work with, I created a PDF file from my notes.

Jonas Elmer Smith

Find a Grave

Born 5 Aug 1918 - Kansas

Died 24 Jan 1945 - [Vielsalm Arrondissement de Bastogne](#), Luxembourg, Belgium

Buried: Vermillion Cemetery

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 21 Jan 1943, page 10

Vermillion

Sergeant Jonas Smith is in the Ft Grady Cost Guard. He is in the Balloon Barrage department.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 23 Aug 1943, page 4

The text from the image reads:

"Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Earl and Nellie Marie, Robert and Donald Green, and Mrs. Elmer Smith visited last week at Salina with Sgt. and Mrs. Jonas Smith. Sgt. Smith was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee."

The Frankfort [Index](#) (Frankfort, Kansas) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

VERMILLION BOY KILLED

Then I asked ChatGPT to write a narrative of Jonas Smith's military service, death and burial using the information in the file.

Smith Jonas.pdf
PDF

The attached file contains information for Jonas Elmer Smith from various sources. A line separates one source from the next with the source information as the first line of each section. Using the information in the file, write a narrative of Jonas Smith's military service, death and burial.



Jonas Elmer Smith was born on August 5, 1918, in Kansas. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1938 and later enlisted in the military. His initial service included time at Fort Grady in the Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department, as noted in a January 1943 report.

By August 1943, Jonas was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina, Kansas.

Below is the narrative *written by ChatGPT* for Jonas Smith:

Jonas Elmer Smith was born on August 5, 1918, in Kansas. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1938 and later enlisted in the military. His initial service included time at Fort Grady in the Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department, as noted in a January 1943 report.

By August 1943, Jonas was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina, Kansas. His military career progressed, and he served with the 291st Infantry Company, 75th Division. He had been in service for over three years and was deployed to the European theater in November 1944.

On January 24, 1945, Jonas E. Smith was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. His death was a significant loss to his family, including his wife Betty Jean Smith, their son Maurice, his parents Roy E. and Harriet Smith, one brother, and three sisters. The family received the tragic news via a telegram from the War Department on February 12, 1945.

Following his death, memorial services were held in his honor. On July 5, 1945, a memorial service took place at the Presbyterian Church, with Rev. A. M. McInnis of Frankfort officiating. Initially buried in Belgium, Jonas's remains were later returned to the United States. In November 1948, the body of T/4 Jonas E. Smith arrived in New York aboard the U.S. Army transport Carroll Victory, alongside the remains of 7,572 other American soldiers.

His body was then transported to the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City before being sent to Vermillion, Kansas, for burial. On December 6, 1948, a service was held at the Presbyterian Church in Vermillion, where he was buried with full military honors, with the American Legion assisting in the service.

Jonas Elmer Smith is remembered for his service and sacrifice, and he is buried in Vermillion Cemetery, Kansas. His dedication and bravery in the line of duty remain a lasting tribute to his commitment to his country.

My next prompt asked ChatGPT if it could create a list of the sources used. Not only did it pull the source info that I had provided but it included a short description of the information in the source.

Certainly! Here is a list of the sources used for the narrative of Jonas Elmer Smith:

1. **Find a Grave**

- Information on birth, death, and burial location: Vermillion Cemetery.

2. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 21 Jan 1943, page 10**

- Mention of Jonas Smith serving in the Ft. Grady Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department.
- 3. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 23 Aug 1943, page 4**
 - Details about Jonas Smith on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina.
- 4. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, Kansas) – 22 Feb 1945, page 1**
 - Notification of Jonas E. Smith's death in action on January 24, 1945, in Belgium, including family details.
- 5. **Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) – 22 Feb 1945, page 1**
 - Report on Jonas E. Smith's death, service details, and family information.
- 6. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 22 Feb 1945, page 9**
 - Article on Jonas E. Smith's death in the Belgian Battle, service record, and family survivors.
- 7. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) – 5 Jul 1945, page 8**
 - Announcement of the memorial service for Jonas Elmer Smith held at the Presbyterian Church.
- 8. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 12 Jul 1945, page 5**
 - Report on memorial services held for Jonas Smith and his burial in Belgium.
- 9. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 18 Nov 1948, page 8**
 - Announcement of the return of Jonas Smith's body to the U.S. and the arrival of the transport Carroll Victory.
- 10. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 22 Nov 1948, page 5**
 - Information on the body en route home to Vermillion for burial and services.
- 11. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 22 Nov 1948, page 1**
 - Formal announcement of the return of Jonas Smith's body, his military service, and death.
- 12. **The Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) – 25 Nov 1948, page 6**
 - Notification of the arrival of Jonas Smith's remains in New York and the planned return to Vermillion.
- 13. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 16 Dec 1948, page 12**
 - Report on the services held in Vermillion for Jonas Smith and his burial with full military honors.
- 14. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) – 23 Dec 1948, page 7**
 - Additional details on the services and military honors for Jonas Elmer Smith in Vermillion.

These sources provide a comprehensive view of Jonas Smith's military service, death, and subsequent burial, documenting his dedication and sacrifice for his country.

After this experiment, I will likely be using ChatGPT to create narratives for these Purple Heart posts in the future!

Below is the newspaper transcriptions used for the above narrative.

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The Frankfort INdex (Frankfort, Kansas) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

VERMILLION BOY KILLED

Mrs Betty Jean Smith, Salina, received a telegram from the War Department Feb. 12th, stating that her husband, Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, was killed in action, January 24th in Belgium, according to the Seneca Courier-Tribune.

Sgt. Smith, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, was 26 years old. He graduated from Vermillion high school in 1938. The young soldier had been in the service for more than three years and in the European Area since November of last year. He is survived by his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents at Centralia and one brother and three sisters.

Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

“KILLED IN BELGIUM

Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, Vermillion High Graduate, is Killed

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Sergeant Smith, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, was 26 years old. He was graduated from Vermillion high school in 1938. He had been in service for more than three years and in the European area since last November.

Surviving are his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents; one brother, and three sisters.”

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 22 Feb 1945, page 9

“Former Vermillion Man Is Killed In Belgian Battle

Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, formerly of Vermillion, was killed in action January 24, in Belgium, the War department notified his wife in Salina February 12.

A graduate of Vermillion high school in 1938, he had been in service for more than three years, and had been in the European area since November of 1944. He is survived by his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents at Centralia, one brother and three sisters.”

The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS), 5 Jul 1945, page 8

A memorial service for the late Jonas Elmer Smith, who was killed in action in Belgium, will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. A. M. McInnis of Frankfort will officiate.

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 12 Jul 1945, pge 5

Memorial services were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday for Sgt. JOnas Smith who died in the service for his country. He is buried n Belgium

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 16 Dec 1948, page 12

Services were held in the Presbyterian church, December 6 for Jonas Elmer Smith, son of MR. and Mrs. Roy Smith. Jonas gave his life for his country and his body was returned form overseas. He was given full military honors.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 18 Nov 1948 page 8

“Return Body of Jonas Smith

Wednesday’s Kansas City Star listed among the soldier dead being returned to the States, that of T/4 Jonas E. Smith, son of Roy E. Smith of Centralia. The arrival of the transport Carroll Victory at New York has been announced, bearing the bodies of 7,572 Americans who lost their lives during World War II.”

Marshall County News (Marsyville, KS), 22 Nov 1948, page 5

Body Enroute Home

Word has been received at Vermillion that the body of T-4 Jonas E. Smith has arrived at New York aboard the US Army Transport Carroll Victory. Remains of the World War II veteran will be sent from the American Graves Registration Distribution Center at Kansas City to Vermillion for military burial and services. The W. D. Smith funeral home at Vermillion will be in charge.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 22 Nov 1948, page 1

“Announce Return of Body of T/4 Jonas Smith

Jonas E. Smith

Formal announcement was received Saturday, from the American Graves Registration distribution center at Kansas City, of the arrival at New York of the remains of the late T/4 Jonas E. Smith, aboard the U. S. Army transport Carroll Victory. It was stated the body would be forwarded later through the Kansas City center to Vermillion, where W. D Smith is the designated funeral director. Jonas E. Smith, the son of Roy E. and Harriet Smith, Centralia, lost his life on January 24, 1945, in the battle of the Belgian bulge. He served with the 291st infantry Co., 75th division.”

The Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS), 25 Nov 1948, page 6

Body Of Jonas A. Smith Back To Vermillion

Roy E. Smith, Centralia, has been notified of the arrival of the remains of the late T/3 Jonas A. Smith from Europe aboard the US Army Transport Carroll Victory scheduled to reach New York, November 16.

The deceased will be returned to Vermillion for burial from the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City, Mo., accompanied by individual military escort

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 16 Dec 1948, page 12

Services were held in the Presbyterian church, December y for Jonas Elmer Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith. Jonas gave his life for his country and his body was returned from overseas. He was given full military honors.

The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) 23 Dec 1948, page 7

VERMILLION NEWS

By Miss Adeline Stewart

(Last week's Items)

Services were held in the Presbyterian church Monday, Dec. 6th for Jonas Elmer Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith. Roy gave his life for his country while fighting overseas. His body was returned and he was given full military honors. The American Legion assisted in the service.

John Crawford Deed

When researching, do you try to locate records for everyone with the same surname in the same location at the same time? If so, what do you do with records you find for an someone you have not encountered before in your research?

I'm currently researching Botetourt county Virginia deeds prior to 1800 for 'John Crawford'. While I can't connect anything I've found to date with my CRAWFORD research, they have all involved land along Craig's Creek. Today's deed does not mention the creek. It is also different in that it identifies a spouse: Rachel.

A simple search of FamilySearch and Ancestry trees did not turn up a John Crawford from Virginia who was old enough to sell land in 1797 and had a wife named Rachel. Thus, the identity of this John Crawford is unknown.

FamilySearch has added the ability to use an AI tool to summarize the deed. This deed was summarized as follows:

John Crawford and Rachel, his wife, transfer a piece of land to George Steell. The transaction is recorded in Botetourt in January 1897. The exact size and location of the land are not specified, but various trees and landmarks are mentioned in the description.

Dates

- January 1897

Names and Relationships

- John Crawford: Grantor
- Rachel Crawford: Wife of John Crawford
- George Steell: Grantee

While this looks like a typical deed, the original deed does not include the wife's release of dower. Instead, the interview of the wife is recorded in a separate volume of deeds.

Botetourt County, Virginia

Deed Book 6, 1796-1799

DGS 007893749, Item 1

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This Indenture made this 10th day of
Jany one thousand seven hundred and
ninety seven Between John Crawford and
Rachel his wife of the State of Kentuckey
of the one part and George Stull of the Coun
ty of Botetourt & State of Virginia of the
other part Witnesseth that the said John Craw
ford for & in consideration of the Sum of four
hundred Pounds to him in hand paid by
the said George Stull the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged hath granted , bargaind

& sold and by these presents doth grant bar
 gain and sell unto the said George Stull
 one certain tract or parcel of Land situate
 lying and being in Botetourt County on the
 Rich [p]ack Mountain joining the Lands
 of Michael Kimberlafed Samuel Porton
 and John Johnston containing six hundred
 & seventy five Acres be the same more or less
 and bounded as followeth to wit begining
 at a red Oak and Two Chasnut Oakes corner
 to Michael Kimberland & with his line
 North sixty six West one hundred and fifty seven
 P[o]les to a chesnut & white Oak on a hill side
 Corner to said Kimberland thence with a [?]

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of the same North twenty East forty six
 poles to three Chestnuts on a ridge thence North
 thirty west eighteen poles to two Chesnuts &
 two white Oaks on a ridge , North thirty six
 East ninety six poles to two black Oaks on a
 ridge thence North fifty four West Eighty four
 poles to a white Oak & [?] Maples near a
 branch North th[en] [sixteen] East forty six poles to
 a sugar [tree] North thirty East thirty four
 poles to a white hickory North twenty nine
 West ten poles to a white Oak North twenty
 five East eight poles to a red Oak North seven
 West crossing a branch thirty two poles to two
 white Oaks North seventy two west ten poles to
 an ash west eight poles to a white Oak &
 Dogwood Bush North eight West forty two
 poles to a white Oak on the side of a Hill East
 sixteen poles crossing a Branch to a bunch
 of lyns on a hill side South fifty nine East
 eighteen poles to two Chesnut & red Oak Saplings
 on a hill side North sixty East twenty Eight
 poles to two white Oaks by a Rock North eigh
 ty East forty six poles to two white Oaks on
 the side of a Mountain East one hundred
 and fifty poles to a red Oak and white Oak in
 Johnston line ne & with the same South forty |
 six East two hundred and twenty poles crossing
 the Walton Pond Mountain to three black Oak
 Saplings South twenty six west eighty poles to a
 black Oak & two Chesnut Oake on the side of a
 mountain thence South fifty west two handed

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and sixty five poles to the begining to have and
 to hold the said granted lands & premises with t

heir and every of their Appurtenances unto the said George Stull his Heirs & Assigns forever to his and their own proper use and behoof and the said John Crawford and Rachel his wife for themselves then Heirs Exrs & admr the before mentioned Land and all & singular the privileges & advantages thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining against the claim of them & all other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant & defend to the said George Stull his Heirs & Assigns for ever firmly by these presents In Witness whereof the said John Crawford & Rachall his wife hath hereunto set to their Hand & seals the day & date above written
 John Crawford (Seal)
 Signd seald & Deliverd
 in Present

At Botetourt January Court 1797
 This Indenture from John Crawford to George Stull was acknowledged in Court by the said John to be his act and deed and ordered to be recorded
 See Book No 7 page 378
 for wifes act
 Teste
 H Bowyer Clk

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 Deed book 7 1799-1802
 DGS 007893749 Item 2
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the Commonwealth of Virginia Jno W Hatton & James McCrosky Gentleman Surties of the peace for the County of Scott Greeting Whereas John Crawford & Rachel his wife by their Indenture of Bargain Sale dated the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven have sold and conveyed to George Stull six hundred seventy five the fee simple Estate of six hundred and Seventy five acres of land with its appurtenances lying and being in the County of Botetourt and whereas the said Rachael Crawford his wife cannot conveniently travet to our Court of our said County of Botetourt to make acknowledgment of said Indenture therefore we do give unto you or two or more of you power receive the acknowledgment which the said Rachael shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance contained in said Indenture which is hereunto annexed and we do therefore Command you that you personally go to the said

Rachael and receive her acknowledgement of the same and examine her privily and apart from the said John Crawford her husband whether she doth the same freely and Voluntarily without his Persuasion or threats and whether she in willing

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the same should be recorded in our said Court of Botetourt and when you have received her acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you will distinctly and openly Certify [as] thereof to our Justices of our said Court next sending then there also the said Indenture and this writ Witness Henry Bonyer Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse he 25th day of February 1797 In the 21st year of the Commonwealth

Teste Wm P Martin DC

We the Suscribers pursuant to the within Dedume to us directed do certify to the Gentlemen Justices of Botetourt County Court that we personally went to the said Rachael Crawford and examined her privily and apart from her Husband touching the conveyance within mentioned and do also Certify that she is willing such her acknowledgment may be recorded in the County Court aforesaid Given under our hands seals the 8th day of July 1797 (see Book NO 6 Page 167 for Deed) Jno McHatton Seal Jas McCrosky (Seal)

At December Botetourt Court 1800

This Commission & certificate of the wife privily Examination & was returned to Court & ordered to be recorded

A copy

Test H T Bower[CC]

At Botetourt Decemter Court 1800

At Botetourt December Court 1800

This Indenture of Bargains Sale was acknowledged by the wife she having been first privily examined as the Law directs she acknowledgment is ordered to be recorded See Book Wm page 536 A Copy teste H Bowyer CBC for Deed

At Botetourt December Court 1800

This Indenture of Bargain Sale was acknowledged in Court by the wife she having been first privily examined as the law directs and thus acknolwedement is ordered to be recorded See Book W page 531 ofe deed

A copy

Teste

This Indenture made this 10th day of
 Jan^y 1 one thousand seven hundred and
 ninety seven Between John Crawford and
 Rachel his wife of the State of Kentucky
 of the one part and George Stull of the Town
 of Potlout & State of Virginia of the
 other part Witnesseth that the said John Crawford
 for & in consideration of the sum of four
 hundred Penn do to him in hand paid by
 the said George Stull the receipt whereof is
 hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained
 & sold and by these Presents doth & grant, bar-
 -gain and sell unto the said George Stull
 one certain tract or parcel of land situate
 lying and being in Potlout & County in the
 Rock pack Mountain joining the lands
 of Michael Kimbrell not Daniel Porters
 and John Johnston & containing six hundred
 & twenty five Acres be the same more or less
 and bounded as followeth to wit beginning
 at a red Oak and two Chestnut oaks corner
 to Michael Kimbrell & with his line
 North sixty six West one hundred and fifty
 poles to a Chestnut & white Oak on a hill side
 Corner to said Kimbrell land thence with a line

of the same North twenty East forty six
 poles to three Chestnuts on a ridge & thence North
 thirty West eighty two poles to two Chestnuts &
 two white Oaks on a ridge North thirty one
 East ninety six poles to two black Oaks on a
 ridge thence North fifty four West eighty four
 poles to a white Oak & two Maples near a
 branch North thirty three East forty six poles to
 a sugar Tree North thirty East thirty four
 poles to a white Cherry North twenty nine
 West ten poles to a white Oak North twenty
 four East eight poles to a red Oak North seven
 West crossing a branch thirty two poles to two
 white Oaks North seventy two West two poles to
 an Oak West eight poles to a white Oak &
 Dogwood Bush North eight West forty two
 poles to a white Oak on the side of a hill East
 sixteen poles crossing a branch to a bunch
 of logs on a hill side South fifty nine East
 eighteen poles to two Chestnut & white Oaks
 on a hill side North sixty East twenty eight
 poles to two white Oaks by a Rock North west
 by East forty six poles to two white Oaks on
 the side of a Mountain East one hundred
 and fifty poles to a red, white & white Oak on
 a hill side thence with the same South forty
 six East two hundred and twenty poles crossing
 the station from Mountain to three black Oak
 saplings South twenty six East eighty poles to a
 black Oak & two Chestnut Oaks on the side of a
 mountain thence South fifty West the Road

1697 and sixty five poles to the beginning to have and to hold the said granted lands & premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said George still his heirs & assigns forever to his and their own proper use and behoof and the said John Crawford and Rachael his wife for themselves their heirs & assigns the before mentioned land and all & singular the privileges & advantages thereto belonging or in any way pertaining against the claim of them & all other person or persons whatsoever state and well warrant & defend to the said George still his heirs & assigns forever by these presents In witness whereof the said John Crawford & Rachael his wife both hereunto set to their hands & seals the day & date above written

John Crawford (Seal)
Rachael (Seal)

Sign. Seal? & Drawing
in Presence

At the Botetourt January Court 1797
This Indenture from John Crawford to George Still was acknowledged in Court by the said John to be his Act and Deed and ordered to be recorded.
See Book 1st Page 978
In witness whereof
M. Dornier Clk

1797
The Commonwealth of Virginia, Jm. W. Hallon
County of Scott (Spelling) Whereas John Crawford Rachael his wife by their Indenture of Bargain & Sale dated the 16th day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and ninety seven have sold and conveyed to George Still six hundred & twenty five the fee simple Estate of six hundred and twenty five acres of land with its appurtenances lying and being in the County of Botetourt and whereas the said Rachael Crawford her wife cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County of Botetourt to make Acknowledgment of said Indenture Therefore we do give unto you or two or more of you Power to receive the Acknowledgment which the said Rachael shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid contained in said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we do therefore Command you that you personally go to the said Rachael and receive her Acknowledgment of the same and examine her freely and afraid from the said John Crawford her husband whether she both the same fully and voluntarily without her persuasion or threats and what she is willing

The same should be returned to our said Court of Botetourt
 and when you have received the Acknowledgment and examina-
 tion of the said that you will distinctly and openly
 certify in writing to our Justice of our said Court next sitting
 there then into the said Indenture and this said Writ of
 Henry Byrnes clerk of our said Court at the Court house
 the 15th day of February 1797 in the 22nd Year of the Com-
 monwealth. *Wm. Wm. Martin* C. C.

We the undersigned pursuant to the within Decision in us
 directed do hereby to the Gentlemen Justice of Botetourt
 County Court that we personally went to the said Rach-
 el Brown and examined her freely and apart from
 her husband touching the foregoing with us men sworn
 and do also certify that she is willing such her acknowl-
 edgment may be recorded in the County Court of our said
 County under our hands Seals the 3rd day of July 1797
See Book 10th Page 183 for Seal *Jas. M. Hallan* *Seal*
Jas. M. Haffey *Seal*

At December Botetourt Court 1800
 This Commission Certificate of the wife Henry
 Examination of her husband to Court directed to be returned
 to the Court. *Wm. Wm. Martin* C. C.

In presence of the Botetourt December Court 1800
 The Indenture of Bargain and Sale was acknowledged by
 the wife she having been fully freely examined as the
 Law directs that acknowledgment is ordered to be recorded
 in Book 10th page 183. *Wm. Wm. Martin* C. C.

At Botetourt December Court 1800
 The Indenture of Bargain and Sale was acknowledged by
 the wife she having been fully freely examined as
 the Law directs that acknowledgment is ordered to be recorded
 in Book 10th page 183 for record. *Wm. Wm. Martin* C. C.